

A Selection of Residential School Learning Resources

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Children and Older

["I Lost My Talk,"](#) Rita Joe (poem)

They Called Me Number One, Bev Sellars (book, age 10+)

[Where the Spirit Lives](#), dir. Bruce Pittman (film, 1989, TVPG)

I Am Not a Number, Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer (book, age 7+)

When I Was Eight, Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton (book, age 6+)

Fatty Legs, Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton (book, age 9+)

When We Were Alone, David Robertson (book, age 4+)

Dear Canada: These are My Words, Ruby Slipperjack (book, age 10+)

Stolen Words, Melanie Florence (book, age 6+)

A Stranger At Home: A True Story, Christy Jordan-Fenton (book, age 9+)

Teens and Older

We Were Children, dir. Tim Wolochatiuk (documentary, age 16+)

Trailer: https://www.nfb.ca/film/we_were_children/

[Holy Angels](#), dir. Jay Cardinal Villeneuve (short documentary, recommended age 14+)

[Sisters and Brothers](#), dir. Kent Monkman (short documentary)

[Cold Journey](#), dir. Martin Defalco (film, age 16+)

Five Little Indians, Michelle Good (age 16+)

Behind Closed Doors: Stories from the Kamloops Indian Residential School, Agnes S. Jack (book, discussions of sexual abuse, age 16+)

Kill the Indian, Save the Man: The Genocidal Impact of American Indian Residential Schools, Ward Churchill (book)

Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth Telling, and Reconciliation in Canada, Paulette Regan (book)

Broken Circle: The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools, Theodore Fontaine (approved curriculum resource for grade 9–12 students in BC and Manitoba)

Sugar Falls: A Residential School Story, David Robertson (graphic novel, age 14+)

Call Me Indian: From the Trauma of Residential School to Becoming the NHL's First Treaty Indigenous Player, Fred Sasakamoose (book, discussions of substance use and traumatic scenes from residential school, age 16+)

[*We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice*](#), dir. Alanis Obomsawin (documentary)

[*Savage*](#), Lisa Jackson (musical short)

Adults

Rhymes for Young Ghouls, dir. Jeff Barnaby (film, R rated)

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/feWS9simNFI>

Up Ghost River, Alexandra Shimo and Edmund Metatawabin (book)

Porcupines and China Dolls, Robert Arthur Alexie (book)

[*Indian Horse*](#), dir. Stephen Campanelli (film, representations of sexual abuse, suicide, physical abuse, foul language)

Collections of Poetry by Indigenous Authors

[Poetry in Voice](#)