

Aboriginal Authors Available for Classroom Visits

Sylvia Olsen

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Sylvia Olsen is a writer and public speaker living on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. She is the author of several picture books, a number of first readers and novels for young adults and one nonfiction. Sylvia has spent most of her life living in Tsartlip First Nation, where her children and grandchildren now live. Because Sylvia is non-native and her children are of mixed heritage most of her stories are about the place - the time -the experience of where different sorts of people come together. That's one of the things that interests her the most. It's one of the things she knows the most about and like many authors, Sylvia writes about what she knows.

Michael Kusugak

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Michael grew up living in igloos, sod huts, and skin tents. He traveled by dog team following the caribou, or living on the sea ice so that his family can hunt seals, whales, walrus, and catch fish to eat. Michael uses his experiences growing up listening to stories told by his grandmother in his storytelling sessions. He weaves these experiences with experiences of what life was like living a nomadic traditional life of Inuit along with the tremendous change that has occurred in the past 60 years. Michael's sessions are usually 1 hour in length. Michael can do up to 4 sessions in a school day.

Simon James - Raven Tales

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Internationally renowned artist Winadzi aka Simon Daniel James, co-creator of the Multi-Award winning Raven Tales series has been attending schools from pre-school to university for many years. Raven Tales has been seen in over 40 countries to date and licensed for broadcast in New Zealand, USA, France, Germany and of course Canada on the APTN Aboriginal Peoples television Network.

Monique Gray Smith

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Monique Gray Smith is a mixed-heritage woman of Cree, Lakota and Scottish. She is an inspiring International Speaker and Author of *The Ripple Effect of Resiliency: Strategies for Fostering Resiliency with Indigenous Children* and, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*. She is well known for her warmth, spirit of generosity and focus on resilience.

Teddy Anderson graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in Child and Youth Care in 2009. In 2014 he published his book *Medicine Wheel: Stories of a Hoop Dancer* and since then he has published more. To book Teddy and for information on his books and fees, please contact him at: 1-877-422-0212 Email: bookings@teddyanderson.com Website: <http://www.teddyanderson.com/>

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