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This Saturday, September 30th is the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools in the United States and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. STC would like to encourage our Skagway community to take time this weekend and this winter to learn about the history of residential boarding schools and reflect on the profound and lasting impacts of this systematic effort to extinguish language, culture, and identity.

Here are just a few of the many resources available.

Online Resources

- Tlingit Elders speak on Boarding Schools
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkB9mxiZZTI&t=1815s>
- Full audio reading of the US Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report from the DOI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSu5dy6Xdg8>
- Full Text US Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report from DOI
https://www.bia.gov/.../bsi_investigative_report_may_2022...
- Archaeological Assessment of the Pius X Mission School in Skagway, Alaska
https://www.skagway.org/.../5d.2_2023_08_16_pius_x_report...
- The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition
<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>
- New York Times The Native American Boarding School System
<https://www.nytimes.com/.../native-american-boarding...>

Movies and Documentaries

- We Were Children
A docudrama that recounts the experiences of two residential school survivors. (May not be suitable for some audiences)
Stream through Amazon Prime Video or through Kanopy using your library card.
https://www.amazon.com/We.../dp/B07FQ3GZKX/ref=sr_1_1...
- Unseen Tears
Survivors speak of their experiences at Thomas Indian School and Mohawk Institute.
<https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/unseen-tears-2009/>
- Home From School: The Children of Carlisle
Stream through Kanopy using your library card or through PBS.
<https://calderaproductions.com/home-from-school/>
- The Thick Dark Fog

The story of how Walter Littlemoon, a Lakota survivor of a federal boarding school, confronted his past.

Stream on Kanopy using your library card

<https://visionmakermedia.org/product/the-thick-dark-fog/>

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/skagway>

- Holy Angels

14-min documentary sharing Lena Wandering Spirit's memories of residential school.

Available on YouTube

https://youtu.be/hMM_OCQXqX8?si=IWOpLWz56AyAvNOr

- Rabbit Proof Fence

A drama film based on real events showing assimilation methods in Australia in 1930.

Stream through Kanopy using your library card or through Amazon Prime.

Books

- They Called Me Number One by Bev Sellers

Xat'sull chief Bev Sellars recounts her childhood at the St Joseph Mission in Williams Lake, BC

(Sisters of St. Ann out of Victoria BC, who staffed the Pius X Mission in Skagway, were also at St Joseph Mission in Williams Lake)

Available in print, Kindle and audiobook

<https://www.amazon.com/They-Called-Number.../dp/B00CST3NH8>

- Call Me Indian: From the Trauma of Residential School to Becoming the NHL's First Treaty Indigenous Player by Fred Sasakamoose

Available in print, Kindle and audiobook

<https://www.amazon.com/Call-Me-Indian.../dp/0735240019>

- Five Little Indians by Michelle Good (includes mature content)

A novel exploring themes of life after residential school.

Available through Alaska Digital Library and in print, Kindle and audiobook

<https://www.amazon.com/Five-Little-Indians.../dp/1443459186>

- Fatty Legs By Margaret Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton and Christy Jordan-Fenton (reading Age 9 and up)

Margaret Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton's story of residential school in the far North.

Available through Alaska Digital Library and in print, Kindle and Audiobook

https://www.amazon.com/Fatty.../dp/B08XZQWHDN/ref=sr_1_1...

- A Stranger at Home By Margaret Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton and Christy Jordan-Fenton (reading Age 9 and up)

A sequel to Fatty Legs about returning home from residential school.

Available through Alaska Digital Library and in print, Kindle and Audiobook

https://www.amazon.com/Strang.../dp/B08YH38D5B/ref=sr_1_1...

- When I was Eight By Margaret Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton and Christy Jordan-Fenton (reading age 6 and up)

The Story of Fatty Legs for younger readers.

Available in print and kindle

https://www.amazon.com/When.../dp/1554514908/ref=sr_1_1...

- Not My Girl by Margaret Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton and Christy Jordan-Fenton (reading age 6 and up)

The story of Stranger at Home for younger readers.

Available in Print, Kindle and audiobook

https://www.amazon.com/Not-My-Girl-Christy-Jordan-Fenton-ebook/dp/B08C4QRTQ8/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

- We were Alone by David A Robertson (reading age 6 and up)

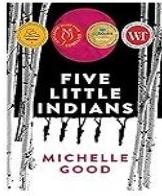
A young girl learns about residential school from her grandmother.

Available through Alaska Digital Library and in print and kindle

<https://www.amazon.com/When-Alone-David.../dp/155379673X>

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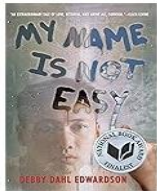
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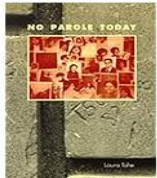
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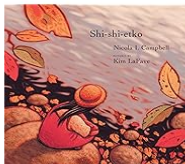
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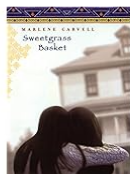
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This Benevolent Experiment: Indigenous Boarding Schools, Genocide, and Redress in Canada and the United States (Indigenous Education)

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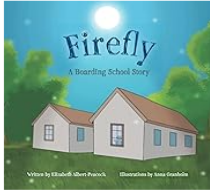
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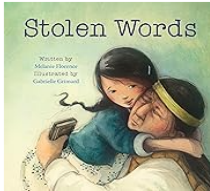
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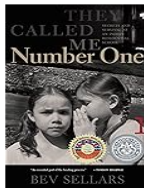
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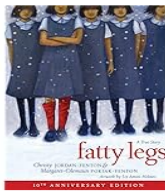
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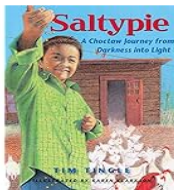
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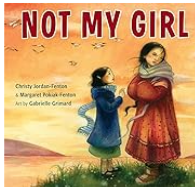
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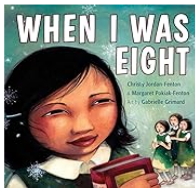
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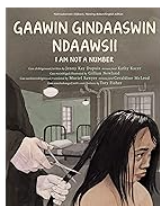
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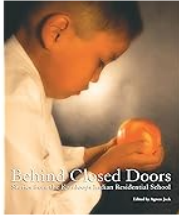
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Movies:

Bones of Crows



Bones of Crows is a psychological drama told through the eyes of Cree Matriarch, Aline Spears, as she survives Canada's residential school system to continue her family's generational fight in the face of systemic starvation, racism, and sexual abuse. Bones of Crows unfolds over one hundred years with a cumulative force that propels us into the future.

Trailer:

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt21342838/>