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**First Nation Communities READ 2018-2019  
Announce the Children and Young Adult/Adult  
Shortlists for the Indigenous Literature Award**

Toronto, May 30, 2018 – First Nation Communities READ announces the shortlists for the combined Children’s and Young Adult/Adult categories. Chosen by a jury of Indigenous librarians from across Ontario, these titles represent the best of Indigenous literature from throughout Turtle Island today. The title selection announcement for FNCR 2018-2019 will take place in Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto on June 27 as part of National Indigenous History Month celebrations. The authors of the selected titles will be the recipients of the Periodical Marketers of Canada **Indigenous Literature Award** and will each receive a \$3000 cash prize.

**Children’s Category Shortlist**

- *When We Were Alone* by David Robertson and illustrated by Julie Flett (Highwater Press)
- *Akalik’s Adventure* by Deborah Kigjugalik Webster (Inhabit Media)
- *My Heart Fills with Happiness* by Monique Gray Smith and illustrated by Julie Flett (Orca Book Publishers)
- *The Water Walker* by Joanne Robertson (Second Story Press)
- *The Cloud Artist* by Sherri Maret (The Roadrunner Press)

**Young Adult/Adult Category Shortlist**

- *#NotYourPrincess* edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale (Annick Press)
- *My Conversations with Canadians* by Lee Maracle (Book\*hug)
- *The Marrow Thieves* by Cheri Dimaline (Dancing Cat Books)
- *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga (House of Anansi)
- *He Who Dreams* by Melanie Florence (Orca Book Publishers)

**Periodical Marketers of Canada Indigenous Literature Award**

The Periodical Marketers of Canada’s Indigenous Literature Award is inspired by the goals of the First Nation Communities READ program. It will provide each of the authors of the First Nation Communities READ 2018-2019 title selections with a \$3,000 prize. This is the fifth year the Periodical Marketers of Canada will present the Indigenous Literature Award.

**First Nation Communities READ** is the Ontario First Nation Public Library Community's contribution to the popular reading movement. Launched in 2003 by the First Nations Public Library Community in Ontario with support from Southern Ontario Library Service, it promotes a community-based approach to reading, FNCR:

- encourages family literacy, intergenerational storytelling, and intergenerational information sharing;
- increases awareness of the relevance and importance of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit writing, illustration, and publishing;
- promotes the publication, sharing, and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit voices and experiences;
- increases awareness and sales of the titles it honours.

**Southern Ontario Library Service** (SOLS) is mandated to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport by:

- increasing cooperation and coordination among public library boards and other information providers to promote the provision of library service to the public;
- assisting public library boards by providing them with services and programs that reflect their needs, including consultation, training and development.

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PMC's ongoing activities include funding of a nonprofit charitable foundation, the Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Letters, which makes contributions to individuals and agencies engaged in the encouragement of literacy and reading in Canada.

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