

8 BOOKS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

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Over 800 years ago the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy established Indigenous nations among the Fingerlakes and five northeast woodlands tribes. The Confederacy was founded by a prophet, known as the Peacemaker with the help of Aionwatha, more commonly known as Hiawatha.

The Haudenosaunee, meaning “people of the long house,” originally included the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca nations. In the 1700s, the Tuscarora became the sixth nation to join.

As one of the largest Indigenous nations in New York State, many groups such as the Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc. (NACS) and the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) have formed to provide services to the New York’s Native communities.

Visit nacswny.org/index.html to learn more about the NACS.

Here are eight books recommended by the NACS to deepen your understanding of Indigenous history:

“An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States” by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

“Red Nation Rising: From Bordertown Violence to Native Liberation” by Nick Estes

“Lines from a Mined Mind: The Words of John Trudell” by John Trudell

“Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City” by Tanya Talaga

“Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants” by Robin Wall Kimmerer

“Five Little Indians: A Novel” by Michelle Good

“Native Voices: Indigenous American Poetry, Craft, and Conversations” by C. Marie Fuhrman (editor)

“Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology” by Shane Hawk (editor)