

Spirit Bear's
PICTURE BOOKS
for Reconciliation and Other Resources
Fall 2023 to Fall 2024



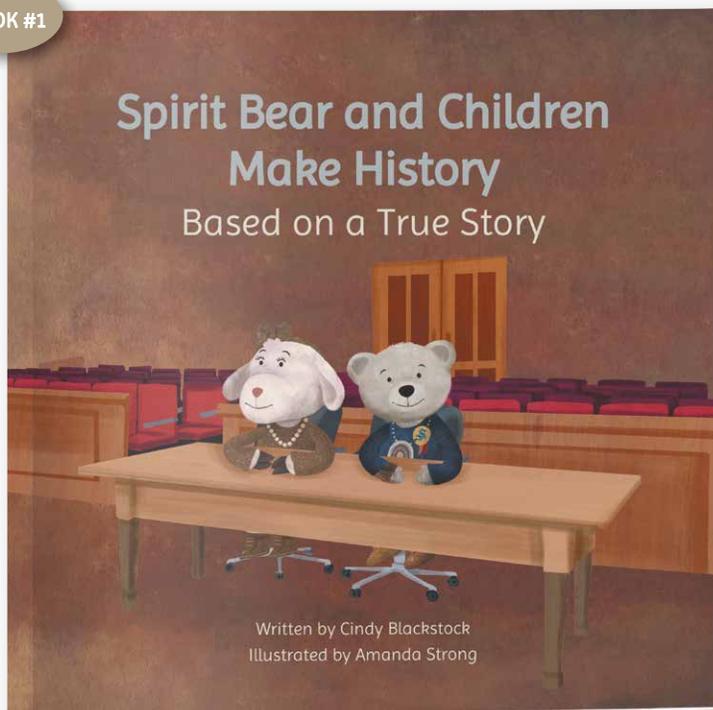
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Spirit Bear's Paw-pular Backlist

Available in both English and French

BOOK #1



English

ISBN 978-1-7770091-6-8



French

ISBN 978-1-7770091-8-2



Spirit Bear and Children Make History

Based on a True Story

Spirit Bear et les enfants passent à l'histoire

Basé sur une histoire vraie

By Cindy Blackstock & Eddy Robinson | Illustrated by Spotted Fawn Productions

Paperback, Picture book | \$12.95 French (2021) | \$12.95 English (2020)
(2nd Edition)

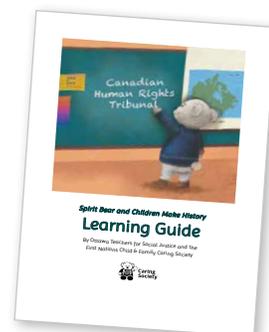
Did You Know? *Spirit Bear and Children Make History* and learning guide was an Indspire Successful Practice in K–12 Indigenous education!

Spirit Bear and Children Make History is now available in French! Originally published in 2017 (English, ISBN 978-1-7751914-0-7) and 2018 (French, ISBN 978-1-7751914-1-4), Spirit Bear's first book has been re-imagined in this 2nd edition to visually fit with the Spirit Bear picture book series.

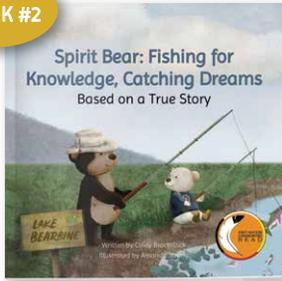
Spirit Bear and Children Make History tells the true story of a landmark human rights case for First Nations children at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and how Spirit Bear and his friends stood with First Nations children to help make Jordan's Principle a reality.

- English
- Juvenile fiction
- Ages 6–12/Grades 1–6
- Full colour
- 8.25" × 8.25" × 0.2"
- 54 pages

Free electronic learning guides in English and French are also available for parents, educators, and others at SpiritBearrister.com



BOOK #2



English
ISBN 978-1-7751914-2-1



French
ISBN 978-1-7751914-5-2



Spirit Bear: Fishing for Knowledge, Catching Dreams
Based on a True Story

Spirit Bear : Pêcher le savoir, attraper des rêves
Basé sur une histoire vraie

By Cindy Blackstock | Illustrated by Spotted Fawn Productions

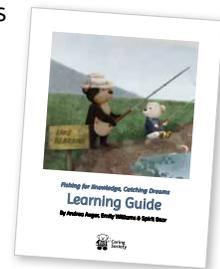
Paperback, Picture book | \$12.95
 English (2018) | French (2019)

Winner of the 2019–2020 First Nation Communities Read and Periodical Marketers of Canada Indigenous Literature Award!

Spirit Bear is off on another adventure! Follow him as he learns about traditional knowledge and residential schools from Uncle Huckleberry and his friend, Lak'inswx, before heading to Algonquin territory, where children teach him about Shannen's Dream. Spirit Bear and his new friends won't stop until Shannen's Dream of "safe and comfy schools" comes true for every First Nations student.

- Juvenile fiction
- Ages 6–12/Grades 1–6
- Full colour throughout
- 8.25" × 8.25" × 0.2"
- 52 pages

Free electronic learning guides in English and French are also available for parents, educators, and others at SpiritBearrister.com



BOOK #3



English
ISBN 978-1-7751914-9-0



French
ISBN 978-1-7770091-4-4



Spirit Bear: Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams
Based on a True Story

Spirit Bear : Rendre hommage aux souvenirs, semer des rêves
Basé sur une histoire vraie

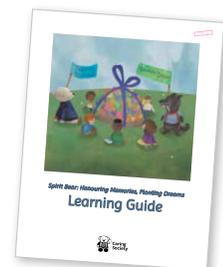
By Cindy Blackstock | Illustrated by Spotted Fawn Productions

Paperback, Picture book | \$12.95
 English (2019) | French (2020)

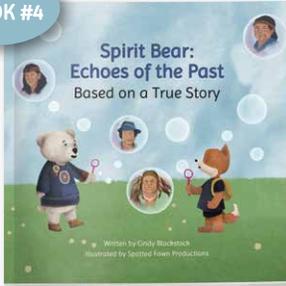
Spirit Bear is on his way home from a sacred ceremony when he meets Jake, a friendly dog, with a bag full of paper hearts attached to wood stakes. Jake tells Spirit Bear that school children and residential school survivors will plant the hearts when a big report on residential schools called the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC for short) is shared. The TRC will have Calls to Action so we can all help end the unfairness and make sure this generation of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children grow up healthy and proud!

- Juvenile fiction
- Ages 6–12/Grades 1–6
- Full colour throughout
- 8.25" × 8.25" × 0.2"
- 66 pages

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BOOK #4



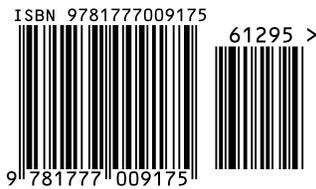
English

ISBN 978-1-7770091-3-7



French

ISBN 978-1-7770091-7-5



Spirit Bear: Echoes of the Past
Based on a True Story

Spirit Bear : échos du passé
Basé sur une histoire vraie

By Cindy Blackstock | Illustrated by Spotted Fawn Productions

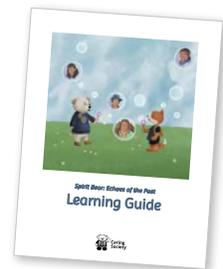
Paperback, Picture book | \$12.95 French (2021) | \$12.95 English (2020)

***Spirit Bear: Echoes of the Past* is the latest addition to the award-winning picture book series written by Order of Canada recipient Cindy Blackstock (Gitksan Nation) and illustrated by Spotted Fawn Productions, led by Amanda Strong (Michif)!**

It’s been a long journey, and Spirit Bear needs a vacation! He and his family set out for Songhees and Esquimalt territories (Victoria, British Columbia) for their holiday adventure. Along the way, they see a statue of John A. Macdonald—Canada’s first Prime Minister—being removed from the steps of Victoria City Hall. Some people have signs that say, “Save the statue,” and others have signs that say, “The statue must go!” Spirit Bear and his family learn why people disagree and how we can learn from the good and bad parts of history to make better decisions now and for future generations of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit kids.

- English
- Juvenile fiction
- Ages 6-12/Grades 1-6
- Full colour throughout
- 8.25” × 8.25” × 0.2”
- 62 pages

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Accompanying Resources



Free Indigenous Language Translations

Book 1, *Spirit Bear and Children Make History* is available in Cree (translated by Madeline Gamblin), and *Carrier* (translated by Dorothy Patrick and Alex Michell).

Book 4, *Spirit Bear: Echoes of the Past*, is available in Algonquin (translated by Bertha Chief and Kevin Chief).

Visit [SpiritBearrister.ca](https://www.spiritbearrister.ca) to download free electronic versions of the translated books.



Spirit Bear Animations

In September 2020, the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society, in collaboration with Spotted Fawn Productions, released an adaptation of *Spirit Bear and Children Make History!* In 2022, Spirit Bear's second stop-motion film, *Fishing for Knowledge, Catching Dreams* was also released. These films provide a great learning opportunity for educators, parents, and others to engage in social justice for First Nations young people. Learn more at [fncaringsociety.com/films](https://www.fncaringsociety.com/films).

About the Authors and Illustrators



Spirit Bear (Author)

Spirit Bear was born in a huckleberry patch in the Carrier Sekani territory in British Columbia. He is a *Bearrister*, which means when he sees something wrong, he has to learn about it and try to help. Spirit Bear represents the First Nations children impacted by the First Nations child welfare case at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, as well as the thousands of other children who have committed to learning about the case and have taken part in peaceful and respectful actions in support of reconciliation and equity.



Cindy Blackstock (Author)

A member of the Gitksan First Nation, Cindy has been working for First Nations children for over 25 years, first as child welfare worker and now as the Executive Director of the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society and Professor of Social Work at McGill University. In case you haven't guessed, she is also the real-life inspiration behind Spirit Bear's fashion-loving friend, Cindy the Sheep!



Spotted Fawn Productions (SFP) was founded in 2010 and incorporated in 2014 by Michif Owner/Director/Producer Amanda Strong. SFP is an Indigenous-led production company that is creative, community oriented with a focus on illustration, stop motion, 2D, 3D, and virtual reality animations. Their mission is to provide mentorship and training opportunities for emerging and diverse artists. They create space for Indigenous people, women and non-binary individuals to engage in the many aspects of film, animation and production.

The First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada is a charitable organization based in Ottawa, Ontario. The Caring Society provides reconciliation-based public education, research, and support to promote the safety and wellbeing of First Nations children, young people, families, and Nations. All proceeds from the sale of Spirit Bear's picture book series help ensure First Nations children can grow up healthy and proud!

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