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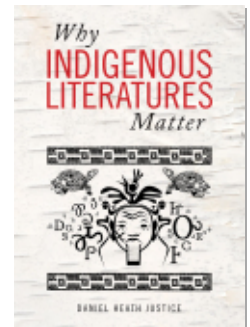
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Appendix



A Year of #HonouringIndigenousWriters @justicedanielh

I was relatively late coming to social media. I find many technologies to be irritating and intrusive, especially those as commonplace and even expected as Facebook and Twitter, and although I've taken them up to stay current with my teaching and research, I tend to be a bit of a reactionary grumbler about the whole thing. It was Idle No More that prompted my first forays into social media: I kept nagging my colleagues at UBC to let me know when events were going on in the community, and they tired of telling me that all the news was on Facebook, finally insisting that I'd need to get online if I wanted to know what was happening. And they were right.

In an indignant response to someone's comment about what they perceived as a lack of Indigenous literature, I decided on 31 December 2015 to start tweeting the names of Indigenous writers, past and present, to push back against the frequent assumption that our literary history is any less complex, robust, or diverse than that of other peoples. My first writer was Beth Brant, who had died just a few months earlier, and whose life and legacy were still very much in my mind as I pondered writers whose work had influenced my own

literary journey. The responses were so enthusiastic and encouraging that I decided to make it a year-long project. The hashtag #HonouringIndigenousWriters came about a week into the project as a suggestion from Leanne Simpson, whose facility with Twitter was much more sophisticated than my own.

It should not have been as big a surprise as it was that I ended up with far more names in the end than a single leap year could accommodate—encouraging evidence that the archive of Indigenous literature is vast and always growing, from the past through recovery efforts to the present and future, thanks to our nurturing of emerging voices and support not only for established but also often unfairly forgotten writers deserving of more attention. Sadly, during that year we lost at least one important voice in Canada, that of Sharron Proulx-Turner—further confirmation that we must honour our writers far more, especially those who, like Sharron, do so much to nurture, mentor, and advocate on behalf of the field and its writers.

These are the 366 writers featured in #HonouringIndigenousWriters, but the list is not reproduced here verbatim; some entries have been revised for clarity, to include more accurate information (including, in some cases, recent passing to the Spirit World), or to expand on text titles. I inadvertently repeated one writer; this error remains, but if readers want to add Tenille Campbell (Dene/Métis), Nicola I. Campbell (Nle7kepmx, Nsilx, and Métis), Garry Thomas Morse (Kwakwaka'wakw), Molly Billows (Homalco), Alicia Elliott (Tuscarora), or Samantha Marie Nock (Métis), they won't be disappointed. And although I did my best to ensure that the writers listed here were actually Indigenous, one of my anonymous reviewers pointed me to some pretty conclusive evidence that Betsey Guppy Chamberlain (3 May) was not, in fact, Algonquin, but rather was a white woman who wrote very problematic stories about Indians. Her name remains in the list to reflect the tweet's history, but with the caveat attached. Given the many names included below, the complexities of Indigenous identities in the wake of settler colonial-

ism, and the ongoing popularity of “playing Indian,” it’s certainly likely that other revisions will be required, in which case future editions will be revised to reflect this new information, but in the absence of good evidence for such revisions I will err on the side of inclusivity. As a result of these various changes, some of the entries here will be longer than the 140-character limit of the actual tweets. Given these necessary revisions, this is my preferred version of the list.

Readers familiar with Indigenous literature may be surprised to find that some of the most prominent and perhaps expected writers in the field are not on the list. This was a deliberate decision, as some writers are either already well recognized or are highly problematic, and thus have no need of further visibility. While there were a few writers I felt it best to avoid entirely, a writer’s absence from the list shouldn’t necessarily be considered a statement on my opinion of their work or character, just as the presence of a writer isn’t necessarily evidence of the same, either. As inclusive as I tried to be, there are inevitably major gaps in the list. While I did meet my goal of foregrounding Indigenous women and queer/two-spirit writers, specifically transgender Indigenous writers are woefully underrepresented. Similarly, there is a significant dearth of Black Indian writers and Indigenous writers from Africa, as well as a complete absence of Freedmen writers in this list. It’s been humbling to see just how minimal my own learning in these specific literary traditions has been, and I definitely have work ahead to ensure that my future projects are just as committed to representing Black and African Indigenous writers as much as other Indigenous communities.

For those seeking a recommended reading list of Indigenous literature, this is a good place to start. I’d also suggest Tomson Highway’s *From Oral to Written: A Celebration of Indigenous Literature in Canada, 1980–2010* (Talonbooks, 2017), which offers summaries of nearly 200 works by Indigenous writers spanning a thirty-year period. ♦

A Year of #HonouringIndigenousWriters

1 January–31 December 2016
An Indigenous Lit Twitter Project



January

- 1 Jan: Beth Brant/Degonwadonti (Bay of Quinte Mohawk), 1941–2015. Multi-genre writer. *Writing as Witness*
- 2 Jan: Patricia Grace (Ngati Toa, Ngati Raukawa, and Te Ati Awa Māori). Fiction writer. *Potiki; Baby No-Eyes*
- 3 Jan: Will Rogers (Cherokee Nation), 1879–1935. Social/political commentator, columnist, humorist. *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to His President*
- 4 Jan: Cheryl Savageau (Abenaki). Poet. *Dirt Road Home; Mother/Land*
- 5 Jan: Queen Lili‘uokalani (Kānaka Maoli), 1838–1917. Political commentator, memoirist, composer. “Aloha ‘Oe,” *Hawaii’s Story by Hawaii’s Queen*
- 6 Jan: Ray Young Bear (Meskwaki). Poet & novelist. *Black Eagle Child; Manifestation Wolverine*
- 7 Jan: Gloria Anzaldúa (Chicana), 1942–2004. Multi-genre critical/creative writer, theorist, visionary. *Borderlands/La Frontera*
- 8 Jan: Linda Hogan (Chickasaw). Multi-genre poet/writer. *Power; People of the Whale; Indios*
- 9 Jan: David Cusick (Tuscarora), ca. 1780–ca. 1840. *Sketches of Ancient History of the Six Nations* (1828)
- 10 Jan: Layli Long Soldier (Oglala Lakota). Contemp. poet, mixed-media artist, educator. *Chromosomory*

- 11 Jan: Bertrand N.O. Walker/Hen-Toh (Wyandot), 1870–1928. Poet & storykeeper. *Tales of the Bark Lodges*
- 12 Jan: Billy-Ray Belcourt (Driftpile Cree Nation). Multi-genre writer-theorist. “Colonialism: A Love Story”; *This Wound Is a World*
- 13 Jan: Louis Owens (Choctaw/Cherokee). 1948–2002. Novelist, essayist, critic. *Mixedblood Messages*
- 14 Jan: Janet Campbell Hale (Coeur d’Alene/Kootenay). Multi-genre writer. *The Jailing of Cecelia Capture*
- 15 Jan: Tony Birch (Koori). Fiction writer, curator, cultural critic. *Shadowboxing*; *Ghost River*
- 16 Jan: Molly Spotted Elk (Penobscot), 1903–1977. Writer of traditional stories, actress. *Katahdin*
- 17 Jan: Elizabeth LaPensée (Anishinaabe/Métis/Irish), comics writer & animator, game designer, scholar. *Deer Woman*; *Copper Heart*
- 18 Jan: D’Arcy McNickle (Flathead/Cree-Métis), 1904–1977. Novelist, historian, activist. *The Surrounded*
- 19 Jan: Gwen Benaway (Anishinaabe/Cherokee/Métis). Poet & essayist. *Ceremonies for the Dead*; *Passage*
- 20 Jan: Ambelin Kwaymullina (Palyku). Young adult writer & illustrator. *The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf*
- 21 Jan: Zitkala-Ša/Gertrude Bonnin (Yankton Sioux), 1876–1938. Journalist, librettist, essayist, activist. *American Indian Stories*; *Oklahoma’s Poor Rich Indians*
- 22 Jan: Nora Marks Dauenhauer (Tlingit), b. 1927. Poet, editor, and fiction writer. *The Droning Shaman*
- 23 Jan: Gogisgi/Carroll Arnett (Cherokee), 1927–1997. Poet and scholar. *Night Perimeter*
- 24 Jan: Keri Hulme (Kai Tahu Māori), b. 1947. Multi-genre fiction writer & poet. *The Bone People*

- 25 Jan: Bamewawagezhikaquay/Jane Johnston Schoolcraft (Ojibway), 1800–1842. Poet, translator. *The Sound the Starts Make* . . .
- 26 Jan: Rachel Qitsualik (Inuit/Scottish/Cree). Multi-genre writer/publisher. “Skraelings”; *Ajjiit*
- 27 Jan: Louis Riel (Métis), 1844–1885. Political leader and visionary, diarist, prose writer, poet. “Crucifiez-le,” “Sir John A. Macdonald”
- 28 Jan: Wendy Rose (Hopi/Miwok), b. 1948. Poet, artist, essayist, anthropologist. *Itch Like Crazy; Bone Dance*
- 29 Jan 2015: Mourning Dove/Christine Quintasket (Okanagan), ca. 1884–1936. Novelist and traditional tale writer. *Cogewea*
- 30 Jan 2015: Elias Boudinot (Cherokee Nation), ca. 1802–1839. *Cherokee Phoenix* editor, essayist, speaker. “An Address to the Whites”; *Poor Sarah*
- 31 Jan: Sarah Biscarra-Dilley (Barbareno Chumash/Yaqui). Multi-genre artist/writer. Black Salt Collective.

February

- 1 Feb: Kateri Akiwenzie-Damm (Anishinaabe). Poet, fiction writer, editor, publisher. *The Stone Collection; My Heart Is a Stray Bullet*
- 2 Feb: Dr. Charles Alexander Eastman/Ohíye S’a (Santee Dakota), 1858–1939. Writer, lecturer, activist. *Indian Boyhood; The Soul of the Indian*
- 3 Feb: Witi Ihimaera (Māori), b. 1944. Fiction writer. *Bulibasha; Nights in the Garden of Spain*
- 4 Feb: Esther Berlin (Diné). Poet and artist. *From the Belly of My Beauty*
- 5 Feb: Lynn Riggs (Cherokee Nation), 1899–1954. Playwright, poet. *The Cherokee Night; The Iron Dish*

- 6 Feb: Arigon Starr (Kickapoo). Comic book writer, songwriter/
musician, playwright. *Super Indian*
- 7 Feb: Dr. Carlos Montezuma/Wassaja (Yavapai), c. 1865–1923.
Editorialist, writer, reformer. *Wassaja*
- 8 Feb: Marilyn Dumont (Cree/Métis). Poet, educator. *that
tongued belonging; The Pemmican Eaters*
- 9 Feb: (Woodrow) Wilson Rawls (Cherokee Nation), 1913–1984.
Novelist, lecturer. *Where the Red Fern Grows*
- 10 Feb: Ella Cara Deloria/Aṅpétu Wašté Wiŋ (Yankton Dakota),
1889–1971. Novelist, scholar. *Waterlily*
- 11 Feb: LeAnne Howe (Choctaw Nation). Multi-genre writer,
artist, scholar. *Shell Shaker; Choctalking on Other Realities*
- 12 Feb: Simon Pokagon (Potawatomi), 1830–1899. Lecturer,
writer. *Red Man's Rebuke; Queen of the Woods*
- 13 Feb: Marie Annharte Baker (Anishinaabe). Poet, critic,
storyteller, performance artist. *Indigena Awry*
- 14 Feb: John Joseph Mathews (Osage), 1894–1979. Novelist,
scholar, naturalist. *Talking to the Moon*
- 15 Feb: Gloria Bird (Spokane). Poet, scholar, teacher. *Full Moon
on the Reservation; River of History*
- 16 Feb: Sherwin Bitsui (Diné). Poet and teacher. *Flood Song;
Shapeshift*
- 17 Feb: George Copway/Kahgegagahbowh (Mississauga), 1818–
1869. Writer, lecturer, Methodist missionary. *The Traditional
History and Characteristic Sketches of the Ojibwa Nation*
- 18 Feb: Chantal Spitz (Mā'ohi). Novelist and essayist. *L'Île des
rêves écrasés/Island of Shattered Dreams*
- 19 Feb: Vickie Sears (Cherokee). Short story writer. *Simple Songs*
- 20 Feb: Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins (Paiute), ca. 1844–1891.
Writer, reporter, activist. *Life Among the Piutes*
- 21 Feb: Eric Gansworth (Onondaga). Writer, visual artist,
scholar. *If I Ever Get Out of Here*

- 22 Feb: Haunani-Kay Trask (Kānaka Maoli). Poet, scholar, activist. *We Are Not Happy Natives; Act of War*
- 23 Feb: Chip Livingston (Creek). Poet, essayist, teacher. *Naming Ceremony; Museum of False Starts*
- 24 Feb: Warren Cariou (Métis). Editor, artist, mixed-genre writer. *Exalted Company of Roadside Martyrs; Lake of the Prairies*
- 25 Feb: Ofelia Zepeda (Tohono O'odham). Poet, linguist, editor. *Jewed'l-hoi/Earth Movements*
- 26 Feb: George Manuel (Secwepemc), 1921–1989. Political leader & activist, writer. *The Fourth World*
- 27 Feb: Gail Tremblay (Onondaga/Mi'kmaq). Poet, teacher, artist. *Close to Home; Indian Singing*
- 28 Feb: Carter Revard (Osage). Poet and scholar. *Winning the Dust Bowl; How the Songs Come Down*
- 29 Feb: Armand Garnet Ruffo (Anishinaabe). Multi-form writer, poet, filmmaker, biographer. *The Thunderbird Poems; A Windgo Tale*

March

- 1 Mar: Joanne Arnett (Métis). Poet, performer, & teacher. *Steepy Mountain: Love Poetry; Salish Seas*
- 2 Mar: Joseph Johnson (Mohegan), 1751–1776. Minister and activist. “*To Do Good to My Indian Brethren*”
- 3 Mar: Brandy Nālani McDougall (Kānaka Maoli). Poet and scholar. *The Salt-Wind*
- 4 Mar: Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak (Inuit). Writer and storyteller. *T Is for Territories; Northern Lights*
- 5 Mar: Sara Sue Hoklotubbe (Cherokee Nation). Mystery novelist. *Sinking Suspicions; The American Café*
- 6 Mar: Epeli Hau'ofa (Tongan), 1939–2009. Anthropologist & multi-form writer. “Our Sea of Islands”

- 7 Mar: Leanne Betasamosake Simpson (Nishnaabeg). Scholar, musician, writer. *Islands of Decolonial Love; This Accident of Being Lost*
- 8 Mar: Geary Hobson (Cherokee-Quapaw/Chickasaw). Scholar, fiction writer, poet, mentor. *Last of the Ofos*
- 9 Mar: Maria Campbell (Métis). Writer, storyteller, filmmaker. *Stories of the Road-Allowance People*
- 10 Mar: Bernard Assiniwi (Cree/Algonquin), 1935–2000. Writer, actor, scholar. *La Saga des Béothuks*
- 11 Mar: Caroline Sinavaiana-Gabbard (Samoan). Poet, scholar, teacher, editor. *Alchemistries of Distance*
- 12 Mar: Anthony Apakark Thrasher (Inuvialuit), 1937–1989. Memoirist. *Thrasher . . . Skid Row Eskimo*
- 13 Mar: Ruby Slipperjack-Farrell (Ojibwe). Writer, painter, educator. *Honour the Sun, Weesquachak*
- 14 Mar: Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o (Gĩkũyũ). Multi-genre writer, editor, scholar, activist. *Decolonising the Mind*
- 15 Mar: Ruth Muskrat Bronson (Cherokee Nation), 1897–1982. Advocate, educator. *Indians Are People Too*
- 16 Mar: Louis Bird (Omushkego Cree). Storyteller and knowledge keeper. *The Spirit Lives in the Mind*
- 17 Mar: Deborah Miranda (Ohlone-Costanoan Esselen Nation). Multi-genre writer, scholar. *Bad Indians; The Zen of La Llorona*
- 18 Mar: Carole LaFavor (Ojibwe), 1948–2011. Novelist, HIV/AIDS educator/activist. *Along the Journey River*
- 19 Mar: Sharron Proulx-Turner (Métis Nation of Alberta). Poet and memorist. *what the auntys say*
- 20 Mar: Waawaate Fobister (Grassy Narrows First Nation). Playwright, actor, public speaker. *Agokwe*
- 21 Mar: Kim Shuck (Cherokee Nation). Poet, essayist, beadworker. *Smuggling Cherokee; Rabbit Stories*
- 22 Mar: Adrian C. Louis (Lovelock Paiute). Poet, fiction writer. *Random Exorcisms; Evil Corn; Skins*

- 23 Mar: Melissa Lucashenko (Murri). Fiction writer, essayist.
Steam Pigs; Hard Yards; Mullumbimby
- 24 Mar: Aaron Paquette (Cree Métis). Young adult writer, public speaker, artist. *Lightfinder*
- 25 Mar: Molly McGlennen (Anishinaabe). Poet, scholar. *Fried Fish and Flour Biscuits*
- 26 Mar: Evelina Zuni Lucero (Isleta/Ohkay Owingeh). Novelist, editor, educator. *Night Sky, Morning Star*
- 27 Mar: Moses “Moke” Manu, Jr. (Kānaka Maoli), 1837–c. 1900. Mo‘olelo and multi-genre writer.
- 28 Mar: b: william bearheart (St. Croix Chippewa). Poet.
“A Tanager”; “Cycles”; “The End of Golf”
- 29 Mar: John Rollin Ridge (Cherokee Nation), 1827–1867. Novelist, newspaper editor. *The Life and Adventures of Joaquin Murieta, the Celebrated Mexican Bandit*
- 30 Mar: Mitiarjuk Attasie Nappaaluk, C.M. (Inuit), 1931–2007. Multi-genre writer, educator. *Sanaaq*
- 31 Mar: D.L. Birchfield (Choctaw), 1948–2012. Novelist, satirist. *How Choctaws Invented Civilization and Why Choctaws Will Conquer the World*

April

- 1 Apr: Alexis Wright (Waanyi). Novelist, essayist, land activist.
The Swan Book; Take Power, Like This Old Man Here
- 2 Apr: Michael Sheyahshe (Caddo Nation). Comic book writer, artist, game designer. “Strike & Bolt”
- 3 Apr: Alootook Ipellie (Inuit), 1951–2007. Multi-genre writer, artist, translator. *Arctic Dreams and Nightmares*
- 4 Apr: Tracey Lindberg (Cree-Métis). Novelist, legal scholar, blues singer. *Birdie*

- 5 Apr: Bev Sellars (Xat'sull). Memorist, political leader.
They Called Me Number One
- 6 Apr: Jorge Cocom Pech (Maya). Poet, essayist, scholar.
Muk'ult'an in Nool
- 7 Apr: Lenore Keeshig-Tobias (Anishinaabe). Poet, storyteller, naturalist. "Stop Stealing Native Stories"
- 8 Apr: Robert J. Conley (Cherokee Nation), 1940–2014. Novelist, historian, essayist. *Ned Christie's War*; *The Way of the Priests*; *The Cherokee Nation*
- 9 Apr: Laura Tohe (Diné). Poet, multi-genre writer, librettist.
No Parole Today; *Code Talker Stories*
- 10 Apr: Yvonne Fly Onakeme Etaghene (Ijaw/Urhobo). Novelist, performance activist, poet. *For Sizakele*
- 11 Apr: Jordan Wheeler (Cree/Anishinaabe/Assiniboiné).
Novelist, screenwriter, producer. *Brothers in Arms*
- 12 Apr: Laura Da' (Eastern Shawnee). Poet & teacher.
The Tecumseh Motel; *Tributaries*
- 13 Apr: Peter Blue Cloud/Aroniawenrate (Mohawk), 1935–2011.
Multi-genre writer. *Alcatraz Is Not an Island*
- 14 Apr: Gordon Henry (White Earth Chippewa). Poet, fiction writer, scholar. *The Failure of Certain Charms*
- 15 Apr: Jordan Abel (Nisga'a). Poet, editor, digital artist.
Un/inhabited; *Injuns*
- 16 Apr: Catharine Brown (Cherokee Nation), ca. 1800–1823.
Diarist, correspondent, teacher. *Cherokee Sister*
- 17 Apr: Gregory Scofield (Métis). Poet, memoirist, teacher.
I Knew Two Métis Women; *Kipocihkân*
- 18 Apr: Dan Taulapapa McMullian (Samoan). Poet, painter, filmmaker. *Coconut Milk*; *Sinalela*
- 19 Apr: Louise Bernice Halfe (Cree). Poet, essayist. *Burning in This Midnight Dream*; *The Crooked Good*
- 20 Apr: Jesse J. Cornplanter (Seneca), 1889–1957. Writer, illustrator, carver. *Legends of the Longhouse*

- 21 Apr: Sequoyah Guess (Keetoowah Cherokee). Novelist, storyteller, filmmaker. *Kholvn; Nocturne*
- 22 Apr: Rita Joe (Mi'kmaq), 1932–2007. Poet, memoirist.
We Are the Dreamers; Song of Rita Joe
- 23 Apr: Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek). Children's & YA author. *Indian Shoes*; the *Feral* trilogy
- 24 Apr: Tiffany Midge (Standing Rock Sioux). Poet, editor.
The Woman Who Married a Bear
- 25 Apr: Mini Aodla Freeman (Inuit). Memoirist, translator.
Life Among the Qallunaat
- 26 Apr: Nils Aslak Valkepeä/Áillohaš (Sámi), 1943–2001.
Poet, musician, artist. *Beaivi áhčážan*
- 27 Apr: Cherie Dimaline (Métis). Fiction writer, editor, mentor.
A Gentle Habit; Red Rooms; The Marrow Thieves
- 28 Apr: Lois Red Elk (St. Peck Sioux). Multi-genre writer, quill & bead worker. *Dragonfly Weather*
- 29 Apr: Tim Tingle (Choctaw Nation). Novelist, YA writer, storyteller. *House of Purple Cedar; Salty Pie*
- 30 Apr: Monique Mojica (Guna/Rappahannock). Playwright, actor. *Princess Pocahontas and the Blue Spots*

May

- 1 May: Basil Johnston (Anishinaabe), 1929–2015. Multi-genre writer, lang. teacher, storyteller. *Candies; Ojibway Heritage; Moose Meat and Wild Rice*
- 2 May: Betty Louise Bell (Cherokee). Novelist, lit scholar.
Faces in the Moon
- 3 May: Betsey Guppy Chamberlain (Algonquin), ca. 1797–1886. Multi-genre writer. “A Fire-Side Scene” [Since this tweet was posted, I’ve learned that Chamberlain was not, in fact, Indigenous.]

- 4 May: Albert Wendt (Samoan). Poet, fiction writer, editor, scholar. *Leaves of the Banyan Tree*; *Nuana*
- 5 May: Elizabeth Cook-Lynn (Crow Creek Sioux). Multi-genre writer, scholar. *I Remember the Fallen Trees*
- 6 May: Lee Francis IV (Laguna Pueblo). Poet, editor, comic creator. *Eulogy for the Moon*
- 7 May: Beatrice Mosionier (Métis). Memoirist, novelist, YA writer. *Come Walk with Me*
- 8 May: Kevin Loring (Nlaka'pamux). Playwright, actor, producer. *Where the Blood Mixes*
- 9 May: Jovette Marchessault (Montagnais), 1938–2012. Novelist, playwright, artist. *Triptyque lesbien*
- 10 May: Barbara Cameron (Hunkpapa Lakota), 1954–2002. Poet, essayist, activist. “Gee, You Don’t Seem Like an Indian from the Reservation”
- 11 May: Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe). Essayist, novelist, environmental activist. *Last Standing Woman*
- 12 May: Robert Arthur Alexie (Gwich’in), 1957–2014. Novelist. *Porcupines and China Dolls*
- 13 May: Allison Hedge Coke (Huron/Métis/Cherokee heritage). Poet, memoirist, editor, performer. *Streaming*; *Blood Run*
- 14 May: A.A. Carr (Laguna Pueblo/Navajo). Novelist, filmmaker. *Eye Killers*
- 15 May: Rolland Nadjiwon (Potawatomi). Poet, essayist, fiction writer. *Seven Deer Dancing*
- 16 May: Tanaya Winder (Duckwater Shoshone). Poet, artist, educator. *Words Like Love*
- 17 May: David Treuer (Leech Lake Ojibwe). Novelist, educator. *Little*
- 18 May: Carol Lee Sanchez (Laguna Pueblo), 1934–2011. Poet, visual artist, teacher. *From Spirit to Matter*
- 19 May: William S. Yellow Robe (Assiniboine). Playwright, poet. *Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers*

- 20 May: Robert Sullivan (Nga Puhi Māori). Poet, editor, educator. *Star Waka; Voice Carried My Family*
- 21 May: Anna Jacobson (Yup'ik). Language teacher, storyteller, novelist. *Elnguq*
- 22 May: Robin Wall Kimmerer (Citizen Potawatomi). Literary biologist, essayist. *Braiding Sweetgrass*
- 23 May: Wayne Keon (Nipissing First Nation). Poet, fiction writer. *My Sweet Maize*
- 24 May: Briceida Cuevas Cob (Yucatec Maya). Poet. *U yok'ol awat peek'; Ti' u billil in nook'*
- 25 May: Daniel H. Wilson (Cherokee Nation). Science fiction, humour, & comic book writer. *Robopocalypse*
- 26 May: E. Pauline Johnson/Tekahionwake (Mohawk), 1861–1913. Poet, speaker, activist. *The White Wampum*
- 27 May: Zacharias Kunuk (Inuit). Filmmaker, screenwriter, carver. *Atanarjuat; The Journals of Knud Rasmussen*
- 28 May: Chris Bose (Nlaka'pamux). Poet, multi-genre writer, musician, filmmaker. *A Moon Made of Copper*
- 29 May: Marie Clements (Métis). Playwright, director, filmmaker. *The Road Forward; Copper Thunderbird*
- 30 May: Waubgeshig Rice (Wasauksing First Nation). Fiction writer, journalist, storyteller. *Legacy*
- 31 May: Fred Seagayuk Bigjim (Iñupiaq). Multi-genre writer. *Echoes from the Tundra; Plants*

June

- 1 June: Lee Maracle (Stó:lō). Multi-genre writer, orator, performer, activist. *Celia's Song; I Am Woman*
- 2 June: DeWitt Clinton Duncan (Cherokee Nation), 1829–1909. Essayist, poet. The “Too-qua-stee” Letters.

- 3 June: Gerald Vizenor (White Earth Ojibwe). Scholar, poet, novelist. *White Earth Constitution*, *Griever*
- 4 June: Roberta Hill (Oneida Nation): Poet, scholar, teacher. *Star Quilt*; *Cicadas*
- 5 June: Cathy Tagnak Rexford (Iñupiaq). Multi-genre writer, filmmaker. *A Crane Story*; *The Namesake*
- 6 June: Hanay Geiogamah (Kiowa/Delaware). Playwright, producer, director, editor. *Body Indian*; 49
- 7 June: Herb Wharton (Kooma). Poet, memoirist, novelist. *Kings with Empty Pockets*; *Yumba Days*
- 8 June: Drew Hayden Taylor (Curve Lake Ojibway). Multi-genre writer, editor. *Motorcycles & Sweetgrass*
- 9 June: Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel (Mohegan). Fiction writer, historian, storyteller. *Wabanaki Blues*
- 10 June: Markoosie Patsang (Inuit). Writer, pilot. *Harpoon of the Hunter*
- 11 June: N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa/Cherokee). Multi-genre writer, visual artist. *In the Presence of the Sun*
- 12 June: Philip McLaren (Kamilaroi). Novelist, screenwriter, scholar, artist. *Lightning Mine*
- 13 June: Wilma Mankiller (Cherokee Nation), 1945–2010. Multi-genre writer, political leader. *Mankiller*
- 14 June: Velma Wallis (Gwich'in). Fiction writer, memoirist. *Two Old Women*; *Raising Ourselves*
- 15 June: M.L. Smoker (Assiniboine/Sioux). Poet. *Another Attempt at Rescue*; *I Go to the Ruined Place*
- 16 June: John Kneubuhl (Samoan), 1920–1992. Playwright, screenwriter. *Think of a Garden*; *Mele Kanikau*
- 17 June: Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers (Blackfoot/Sámi). Screenwriter, filmmaker. *Bihitoš*; *Bloodland*
- 18 June: Louise Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Chippewa). Novelist, essayist, bookseller. *Books and Islands in Ojibwe Country*

- 19 June: Humberto Ak'ab'al (K'iche' Maya). Poet. *Poems I Brought Down from the Mountain*
- 20 June: George Clutesi (Tseshaht), 1905–1988. Multi-genre writer, artist, actor. *Stand Tall, My Son*
- 21 June: Briar Grace-Smith (Nga Puhi/Ngāti Wai). Multi-genre writer. *Haruru Mai; The Strength of Water*
- 22 June: Orlando White (Diné). Poet, teacher. *LETTERS; Bone Light*
- 23 June: Leialoha Apo-Perkins (Kānaka Maoli). Multi-genre writer, publisher. *The Oxridge Woman*
- 24 June: Kimberly Blaeser (Anishinaabe). Poet, essayist, critic, editor. *Apprenticed to Justice*
- 25 June: Marvin Francis (Heart Lake First Nation), 1955–2005. Multi-genre writer, artist. *city treaty*
- 26 June: Natalie Diaz (Mojave). Poet, language revitalization advocate. *When My Brother Was an Aztec*
- 27 June: Juan Gregorio Regino (Mazatec). Poet, essayist, scholar. *Ngata'ara stsee/Que siga lloviendo*
- 28 June: Michelle St. John (Wampanoag/Carib). Playwright, actor, director. *Colonization Road*
- 29 June: Charles Gibson (Muscogee Creek), 1846–1923. Humourist, news columnist. “Gibson’s Rifle Shots”
- 30 June: Harold Cardinal (Cree), 1945–2005. Writer, political leader, activist. *The Unjust Society*

July

- 1 July: Ellen van Neerven (Mununjali). Fiction writer, poet, editor. *Heat and Light; Comfort Food*
- 2 July: Joy Harjo (Mvskoke). Poet, musician, memorist. *Crazy Brave; For a Girl Becoming*
- 3 July: Margarita Ku Xool (Mayan). Poet. *Chan lol (La florecita)*

- 4 July: Mark Kalluak, C.M. (Inuit), 1942–2011. Writer, educator, translator. *Unipkaaqtuat Arvianit*
- 5 July: Eden Robinson (Haisla/Heiltsuk). Fiction writer, essayist. *Monkey Beach*; *Terminal Avenue*
- 6 July: William Sanders (Oklahoma Cherokee), 1942–2017. Multi-genre writer. *East of the Sun and West of Ft. Smith*
- 7 July: Olivia Ward Bush-Banks (Montaukett/African American), 1869–1944. Multi-genre writer. *Driftwood*
- 8 July: Daniel David Moses (Delaware). Playwright, poet, essayist. *Pursued by a Bear*; *Delicate Bodies*
- 9 July: Elise Paschen (Osage). Poet, editor. *Bestiary*; *Infidelities*
- 10 July: Duane Niatum (S'Klallam). Poet, editor, teacher. *The Crooked Beak of Love*
- 11 July: Helen Pearse-Otene (Māori). Playwright, actor, graphic novelist. The Matawehi Fables series.
- 12 July: Helen Haig-Brown (Tsilhqot'in). Screenwriter, filmmaker. *The Cave*; *My Legacy*
- 13 July: Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (Rosebud Sioux). Multi-genre writer. *The Trickster and the Troll*
- 14 July: Anna Lee Walters (Pawnee/Otoe-Missouria). Multi-genre writer. *The Sun Is Not Merciful*
- 15 July: Craig Womack (Muscogee Creek/Cherokee). Fiction writer, literary critic. *Drowning in Fire*
- 16 July: The Turtle Gals. Playwrights, performance ensemble. *The Scrubbing Project*; *The Triple Truth*
- 17 July: Beth Cuthand (Cree). Poet, essayist, fiction writer. *Voices in the Waterfall*
- 18 July: Paula Gunn Allen (Laguna Pueblo/Sioux), 1939–2008. Multi-genre writer, scholar. *The Sacred Hoop*
- 19 July: Diane E. Benson (Tlingit). Playwright, columnist, poet. *When My Spirit Raised Its Hands*
- 20 July: Royal Roger Eubanks (Cherokee Nation), 1879–1955. Cartoonist, fiction writer. “The Middle Man”

- 21 July: Sue McPherson (Wiradjuri/Torres Strait Islander).
Multi-genre writer, artist. *Grace Beside Me*
- 22 July: Davida (David) Malo (Kānaka Maoli), 1793–1853.
Poet, translator, historian. *Moolelo Hawaii*
- 23 July: Joseph Marshall III (Sicangu Lakota). Multi-genre
writer. *The Long Knives Are Crying*
- 24 July: Todd Downing (Choctaw Nation), 1902–1974. Detective
fiction, multi-genre writer. *The Cat Screams*
- 25 July: Marianne Aweagon Broyles (Cherokee). Poet.
The Red Door
- 26 July: Duncan Mercredi (Cree-Métis). Poet, storyteller.
oomsikakispanik, Wolf and Shadows
- 27 July: Victoria Kneubuhl (Samoan/Kānaka Maoli).
Playwright, novelist. *Murder Casts a Shadow*
- 28 July: Roberta Reyes Cordero (Chumash/Yaqui/Mestiza).
Poet, peacemaker. “Bow-Riders: The Way to Swaxil”
- 29 July: Rita Bouvier (Métis). Poet. *Blueberry Clouds; papiyāhtak*
- 30 July: Rita Mestokosho (Innu). Poet, political leader.
Eshi Uapataman Nukum
- 31 July: Kim Scott (Noongar). Novelist, poet, young adult writer.
Benang; That Deadman Dance

August

- 1 August: Richard Van Camp (Tłıchʔ). Multi-form fiction writer,
storyteller. *Night Moves; Little You*
- 2 August: NoViolet Bulawayo (Ndebele). Novelist, short story
writer. *We Need New Names*
- 3 Aug: Tihema Baker (Māori). Speculative fiction writer. *Watched*
- 4 Aug: Debra Magpie Earling (Bitterroot Salish). Fiction writer.
Perma Red; Lost Journals of Sacajawea

- 5 Aug: Joséphine Bacon (Innu). Poet, filmmaker. *A Tea in the Tundra/Nipishapui nete mushuat*
- 6 Aug: Doris Pilkington Garimara (Mardu), 1937?–2014.
Multi-genre writer. *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence*
- 7 Aug: Frances Washburn (Lakota/Anishinaabe). Novelist, biographer. *Red Bird All-Indian Traveling Band*
- 8 Aug: Buffy Sainte-Marie (Cree). Songwriter, multimedia artist, philanthropist. *Power in the Blood*
- 9 Aug: Konai Helu Thaman (Tongan). Poet, educator, scholar. *Kakala; Songs of Love*
- 10 Aug: Mary TallMountain (Koyukon Athabaskan), 1918–1994.
Poet. *Light on the Tent Wall*
- 11 Aug: Elizabeth Woody (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs). Poet, artist. *Seven Hands Seven Hearts*
- 12 Aug: Alistair Te Ariki Campbell (Rarotongan Māori), 1925–2009. Multi-genre writer. *Dark Lord of Savaiki*
- 13 Aug: Louis Little Coon Oliver (Muscogee Creek), 1904–1991.
Poet. *Chasers of the Sun*
- 14 Aug: Stephen Graham Jones (Blackfeet). Experimental fiction writer. *Bleed into Me; Mongrels*
- 15 Aug: Sia Figiel (Samoan). Poet, novelist. *Where We Once Belonged; They Who Do Not Grieve*
- 16 Aug: Garcilaso de la Vega (Quechua Inca), 1539–1616.
Historian. *Comentarios Reales de los Incas*
- 17 Aug: Ora V. Eddleman Reed (Cherokee), 1880–1968. Editor, journalist, fiction writer. *Twin Territories*
- 18 Aug: Velma Wallis (Gwich'in). Multi-genre writer. *Two Old Women; Raising Ourselves*
- 19 Aug: Tulia Thompson (Fijian/Tongan). Poet, fiction writer, blogger. *Josefa and the Vu*
- 20 Aug: Luther Standing Bear (Oglala Lakota), 1868–1939.
Memoirist, commentator. *My People, the Sioux*

- 21 Aug: Paul Seesequasis (Cree). Editor, journalist, fiction writer.
Tobacco Wars
- 22 Aug: Heid E. Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Chippewa). Poet,
food writer. *Cell Traffic*; *Original Local*
- 23 Aug: Ann Plato (Montaukett/African American), ca. 1824–?
Poet, essayist. *Essays*
- 24 Aug: Santee Frazier (Cherokee Nation). Poet. *Dark Thirty*
- 25 Aug: Monique Gray Smith (Cree/Lakota/Scottish). Fiction
writer, consultant, public speaker. *Tilly*; *Speaking Our Truth*
- 26 Aug: George Henry/Maungwudaus (Mississauga), ca. 1807–ca.
1851. Interpreter, performer. *An Account of the Chippewa Indians*
- 27 Aug: Pita Nwana (Igbo), ca. 1881–1968. Fiction writer, carpenter.
Omenuko
- 28 Aug: Diane Burns (Anishinaabe/Chemehuevi), 1957–2006.
Poet. *Riding the One-Eyed Ford*
- 29 Aug: Jordan Wheeler (Cree/Ojibwa/Assiniboine). Screen-
writer, novelist, YA writer. *Brothers in Arms*
- 30 Aug: Serie (Cherie) Barford (Samoan). Poet, short story
writer. *Tapa Talk*; *Entangled Islands*
- 31 Aug: Anders Larsen (Sámi), 1870–1949. Novelist, journalist.
Bæivve-Algo

September

- 1 Sept: Chrystos (Menominee). Poet, activist. *Not Vanishing*;
Fire Power; *In Her I Am*
- 2 Sept: Hilario Chacin (Wayuu). Poet, fiction writer, historian.
Los Hijos de la Lluvia
- 3 Sept: Sy Hoahwah (Comanche/Arapaho). Poet. *Night Cradle*;
Velroy and the Madischie Mafia
- 4 Sept: Glenn J. Twist (Cherokee Nation/Creek), 1917–1995.
Storyteller, writer. *Boston Mountain Tales*

- 5 Sept: Connie Fife (Cree), 1961–2017. Poet. *Poems for a New World; Speaking Through Jagged Rock*
- 6 Sept: Sage U'ilani Takehiro (Kānaka Maoli). Poet, activist.
Honua
- 7 Sept: Elissa Washuta (Cowlitz). Essayist, memorist. *Starvation Mode; My Body Is a Book of Rules*
- 8 Sept: Rauni Magga Lukkari (Sámi). Poet, playwright, translator.
Losses beaivegirji; Lex Sápmi
- 9 Sept: Margaret Noodin (Anishinaabe). Poet, language teacher, scholar. *Weweni*
- 10 Sept: Larry Loyie (Cree), 1933–2016. Children's book writer.
The Lawrence Series. *The Gathering Tree*
- 11 Sept: Jean Hager (Cherokee heritage). Mystery writer.
Molly Bearpaw series; Mitch Bushyhead series
- 12 Sept: David Unaipon (Ngarrindjeri), 1872–1967. Writer, inventor, advocate. *Native Legends*
- 13 Sept: Margo Kane (Cree-Saulteaux). Playwright, performer, director, artist. *Moonlodge*
- 14 Sept: Fernando de Alva Cortés Ixtlilxóchitl (ca. 1568–1648).
Historian, interpreter. *Historia chichimeca*
- 15 Sept: Al Hunter (Anishinaabe). Poet, activist. *Spirit Horses; Beautiful Razor*
- 16 Sept: Yvette Nolan (Algonquin). Playwright, director. *Annie Mae's Movement; The Unplugging*
- 17 Sept: Samuel Mānaiakalani Kamakau (Kānaka Maoli), 1815–1876. Writer, historian. "Ka Mo'olelo Hawai'i"
- 18 Sept: Charles H. Red Corn (Osage). Novelist. *A Pipe for February*
- 19 Sept: Emma Lee Warrior (Peigan). Poet, short story writer.
"Compatriots"
- 20 Sept: Hendrick Aupaumut (Mohican), 1757–1830. Memorist, diplomat. "A Narrative of an Embassy to the Western Indians"
- 21 Sept: Natasha Kanapé Fontaine (Innu). Poet. *N'entre pas dans mon âme avec tes chaussures*

- 22 Sept: David Eggleton (Rotuman/Tongan). Poet, short story writer, editor. *The Conch Trumpet; Seasons*
- 23 Sept: Annette Arkeketa (Otoe-Missouria/Muscogee Creek). Playwright, essayist, filmmaker. *Ghost Dance*
- 24 Sept: Diane Jacobson ('Namgis). Memorist. *My Life in a Kwagu't Big House; My Life with the Salmon*
- 25 Sept: Qwo-Li Driskill (Cherokee heritage). Poet, editor, scholar. *Walking with Ghosts*
- 26 Sept: Luci Tapahonso (Navajo). Poet, essayist, short fiction writer. *A Radiant Curve*
- 27 Sept: Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Nunukul), 1920–1993. Poet, activist, educator. *We Are Going*
- 28 Sept: Juan Wallparrimachi (Quechua), 1793–1814. Poet, freedom fighter. "My Mother," "Partida"
- 29 Sept: Tommy "Teebs" Pico (Kumeyaay). Poet. *IRL; Hey, Teebs*
- 30 Sept: Susan Power (Standing Rock Dakota). Fiction writer. *The Grass Dancer; Sacred Wilderness*

October

- 1 Oct: Janet McAdams (Creek heritage). Poet, novelist, editor. *The Island of Lost Luggage; Feral*
- 2 Oct: David Groulx (Ojibwe). Poet. *Wabigoon River Poems; A Difficult Beauty; Under God's Pale Bones*
- 3 Oct: Esther Supernault (Saulteaux). Speculative fiction writer. *Wind Walker*
- 4 Oct: Lisa Linn Kanae (Kānaka Maoli). Multi-genre writer. *Islands Linked by Ocean; Sista Tongue*
- 5 Oct: John Milton Oskison (Cherokee Nation), 1874–1947. Multi-genre writer, editor. *Black Jack Davy*
- 6 Oct: Jeannette Armstrong (Okanagan). Multi-genre writer, teacher, activist. *Slash; Breath Tracks*

- 7 Oct: Hans Aslak Guttorm (Sámi), 1907–1992. Poet, fiction writer, editor. *Golgadeamen; Koccam spalli*
- 8 Oct: Jared Thomas (Nukunu). Playwright, YA writer. *Love, Land, and Money; Calypso Summer*
- 9 Oct: Jennifer Storm (Ojibway). Fiction writer. *Deadly Loyalties; Fire Starters*
- 10 Oct: Hone Tuwhare (Ngāpuhi Māori), 1922–2008. Poet, playwright. *No Ordinary Sun; Piggy-back Moon*
- 11 Oct: Julie Pearson-Little Thunder (Muscogee Creek). Playwright. *The Woman Who Was Captured by Ghosts*
- 12 Oct: Juanita Pahdopony (Comanche). Poet, artist, storyteller. “Grandmother Golden Orb”; “Bouncy, Lively”
- 13 Oct: Joan Naviyuk Kane (Inupiaq). Poet. *Hyperboreal; The Cormorant Hunter’s Wife*
- 14 Oct: Blake M. Hausman (Cherokee Nation). Novelist, teacher. *Riding the Trail of Tears*
- 15 Oct: Irvin Morris (Navajo). Multi-genre writer, teacher. *From the Glittering World*
- 16 Oct: Rosanna Deerchild (Cree). Poet, performer, radio host. *this is a small northern town*
- 17 Oct: Ruby Langford Ginibi (Bundjalung), 1934–2011. Multi-genre writer. *All My Mob*
- 18 Oct: Asani Charles (Choctaw/Chickasaw/African American). Poet, teacher. *Word Songs for Grandmas*
- 19 Oct: Mavis Bryant Pierce/Ha-dya-no-doh (Seneca), 1811–1874. Orator, advocate, interpreter. *Address on the Present Condition and Prospects of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of North America. . . .*
- 20 Oct: Wayne Arthursen (Cree). Mystery novelist, nonfiction writer. *Fall from Grace; A Killing Winter*
- 21 Oct: Leslie Belleau (Ojibway). Fiction writer, poet, playwright. *The Colour of Dried Bones*
- 22 Oct: Dianne Yeahquo Reyner (Kiowa). Playwright, director, performer. *Weaving the Rain*

- 23 Oct: Gerry William (Spallumcheen). Science fiction writer.
The Black Ship; The Woman in the Trees
- 24 Oct: Mahealani Perez-Wendt (Kānaka Maoli). Poet, legal
advocate. *Uluhaimalama*
- 25 Oct: Zainab Amadahy (Cherokee heritage/African American).
Multi-genre writer. *Moons of Palmares*
- 26 Oct: Nathan Niigan Noodin Adler (Lac des Mille Lacs First
Nation). Speculative fiction writer, artist. *Wrist*
- 27 Oct: Tara June Winch (Wairadjuri). Fiction writer. *Swallow
the Air; After the Carnage*
- 28 Oct: Loretta Todd (Cree/Métis). Filmmaker, screenwriter,
storyteller. *Kainayssini Imanistaisiwa*
- 29 Oct: JudyLee Oliva (Chickasaw). Playwright, scholar. *Te Ata;
On the Showroom Floor*
- 30 Oct: Tim Giago (Oglala Lakota). Poet, journalist. *The Aboriginal
Sin; Notes from Indian Country*
- 31 Oct: Kirsti Paltto (Sámi). Poet, playwright, fiction writer.
Vilges geađgi; Guržo luottat

November

- 1 Nov: Lois Beardslee (Ojibwa). Fiction writer, artist, storyteller.
The Women's Warrior Society
- 2 Nov: Jack D. Forbes (Powhatan/Renape/Lenape), 1934–2011.
Poet, novelist, scholar, activist. *Red Blood*
- 3 Nov: Lisa Bird-Wilson (Métis). Poet, fiction writer, historian.
Just Pretending; The Red Files
- 4 Nov: Bruce Pascoe (Bunurong/Yuin/Tasmanian). Multi-genre
writer, editor. *Shark; Dark Emu*
- 5 Nov: nila northSun (Shoshone/Chippewa). Poet, historian.
a snake in her mouth; love at gunpoint

- 6 Nov: Lara Mann (Choctaw Nation). Poet, educational scholar.
“A Song of Ascents and Descents”
- 7 Nov: Garry Gottfriedson (Secwepemc). Poet, YA writer,
rancher. *Skin Like Mine*; *Whiskey Bullets*
- 8 Nov: Jean Starr (Cherokee), 1935–1994. Poet. *Songs of Power*;
Tales from the Cherokee Hills
- 9 Nov: Shirley Cheechoo (Cree). Playwright, director, performer.
Path with No Moccasins; *Johnny Tootall*
- 10 Nov: Philip H. Red Eagle (Dakota/Steilacoom-S’Klallam).
Poet, essayist, fiction writer. *Red Earth*
- 11 Nov: Emma LaRocque (Métis). Poet, essayist, scholar,
educator. “Tides, Towns, and Trains”; “Commitment”
- 12 Nov: dg nanouk okpik (Inupiaq-Inuit). Poet. *Corpse Whale*
- 13 Nov: Leela Gilday (Dene). Singer-songwriter. *Sedze*; *Spirit
Song*, *Solid Wood*; *Heart of the People*
- 14 Nov: Catherine Knutsson (Métis). Speculative fiction writer.
Shadows Cast by Stars
- 15 Nov: Roxy Gordon (Choctaw), 1945–2000. Multi-genre writer,
musician. *Some Things I Did*; *Breeds*
- 16 Nov: Samuel Wagan Watson (Mununjali/Birri Gubba). Poet.
Hotel Bone; *Love Poems and Death Threats*
- 17 Nov: Traci Sorell (Cherokee Nation). Children’s lit writer.
We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga
- 18 Nov: Margaret Pokiak-Fenton/Olemaun (Inuvialuit).
Children’s lit writer, artist. *Fatty Legs*
- 19 Nov: James Thomas Stevens/Aronhíotas (Akwesasne
Mohawk). Poet. *Combing the Snakes from His Hair*
- 20 Nov: Sophia Alice Callahan (Muscogee Creek), 1868–1894.
Fiction writer. *Wynema: A Child of the Forest*
- 21 Nov: Marcie R. Rendon (White Earth Anishinaabe). Poet,
playwright, children’s writer. *Powwow Summer*
- 22 Nov: Lance Henson (Cheyenne). Poet, playwright. *Keeper
of Arrows*; *Coyote Road*; *another train ride*

- 23 Nov: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Igbo). Novelist, essayist.
Purple Hibiscus; "The Danger of a Single Story"
- 24 Nov: Kung Jaadee (Haida). Children's writer, traditional storyteller. *Raven's Feast*
- 25 Nov: Duane BigEagle (Osage). Poet. *Bidato*, "My Grandfather Was a Quantum Physicist"
- 26 Nov: Margaret Verble (Cherokee Nation). Fiction writer.
Maud's Line
- 27 Nov: Jules Koostachin (Cree). Multi-genre writer, filmmaker, scholar. *Remembering Inninimowin*
- 28 Nov: Rosa Chávez (K'iche'/Kaqchikel Maya). Poet, playwright.
Casa solitaria; *Quitapenas*; *Awas*
- 29 Nov: Joe Dale Tate Nevaquaya (Yuchi-Comanche). Poet, artist.
Leaving Holes and Selected New Writings
- 30 Nov: Janice Gould (Koyoonk'auwi). Poet, scholar, musician.
Earthquake Weather; *Doubters and Dreamers*

December

- 1 Dec: Jack Davis (Noongar), 1917–2000. Playwright, memoirist, poet. *Jagardoo*; *No Sugar*; *A Boy's Life*
- 2 Dec: Joan Tavares Avant (Mashpee Wampanoag). Columnist, historian, memoirist. *People of the First Light*
- 3 Dec: Shane Belcourt (Métis). Screenwriter, filmmaker, musician.
Tkaronto; *Keeping Quiet*
- 4 Dec: Ernestine Hayes (Tlingit). Multi-genre writer, educator.
The Tao of Raven; *Blonde Indian*
- 5 Dec: Cinnamon Spear (Northern Cheyenne). Fiction writer, screenwriter, filmmaker. *Pride & Basketball*
- 6 Dec: Janet Rogers (Mohawk/Tuscarora). Poet, screenwriter, radio host. *Unearthed*; *6 Directions*

- 7 Dec: Alexander Posey (Muscogee Creek), 1873–1908. Poet, journalist, humorist. *Fus Fixico Letters*
- 8 Dec: Erika T. Wurth (Apache/Chickasaw/Cherokee). Poet, fiction writer. *Crazy Horse's Girlfriend*
- 9 Dec: Joseph A. Dandurand (Kwantlen). Poet, playwright. *I Want; Please Do Not Touch the Indians*
- 10 Dec: Joseph Nicolar (Penobscot), 1827–94. Political leader, historian. *Life & Traditions of the Red Man*
- 11 Dec: ku'ualooha ho'omanawanui (Kānaka Maoli). Poet, scholar, artist. "Kānaka Maoli 9-11"; "mo'oku'auhau"
- 12 Dec: David A. Robertson (Swampy Cree). Graphic novelist, fiction writer, publisher. *7 Generations*
- 13 Dec: Peter Jones/Kahkewāquonāby (Mississauga), 1802–1856. Orator, translator, historian. *History of the Ojebway Indians*
- 14 Dec: Oktyabrina Voronova (Sámi), 1934–1990. Poet, librarian. *Snezhnitsa; Chahtli; Yealla*
- 15 Dec: Harry Robinson (Okanagan), 1900–1990. Traditional storyteller. *Nature Power* (w/Wendy Wickwire)
- 16 Dec: Alanis Obomsawin (Abenaki). Screenwriter, filmmaker, singer-songwriter. *Waban-aki; Kanehsatake*
- 17 Dec: D.O. Fagunwa (Yoruba), 1903–1963. Novelist, teacher. *The Forest of a Thousand Demons*
- 18 Dec: Maggie Culver Fry (Cherokee Nation), 1900–1998. Poet, columnist, fiction writer. *The Witch Deer*
- 19 Dec: Penina Ava Taesali (Samoan). Poet, essayist, arts educator/activist. *Sourcing Siapo*
- 20 Dec: Paul Cuffe Jr. (Pequot [or Wampanoag]/African American), 1797–1843?. Memoirist. *Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Paul Cuffe, a Pequot Indian*
- 21 Dec: Jennifer Elise Foerster (Muscogee (Creek) Nation). Poet. *Leaving Tulsa*
- 22 Dec: Jeff Barnaby (Mi'kmaq). Screenwriter, filmmaker. *Rhymes for Young Ghouls; Etlinisigu'niet*

- 23 Dec: Katherena Vermette (Métis). Poet, novelist, children's writer. *North End Love Songs; The Break*
- 24 Dec: Louis-Karl Picard Sioui (Huron-Wendat). Multi-genre writer, artist. *Au pied de mon orgueil*
- 25 Dec: Wanda John-Kehewin (Cree). Poet. *In the Dog House*
- 26 Dec: Nicole Watson (Birri-Gubba). Crime fiction writer, columnist, lawyer. *The Boundary*
- 27 Dec: Sandra Lynn Lynxleg (Ojibwa). Poet, educator. *Glass Beads*
- 28 Dec: Sable Sweetgrass (Kainai Nation). Playwright, essayist, filmmaker. *Awowakii; IPOWAHSIN at Home*
- 29 Dec: Paula Nelson (Eastern Band Cherokee). Poet, artist, performer, educator. *CHANT*
- 30 Dec: Michael Nicole Yahgulanaas (Haida). Writer, artist, illustrator. *Flight of the Hummingbird; Red*
- 31 Dec: Mary Kathryn Nagle (Cherokee Nation). Playwright, lawyer. *Sliver of a Full Moon; Waaxe's Law*