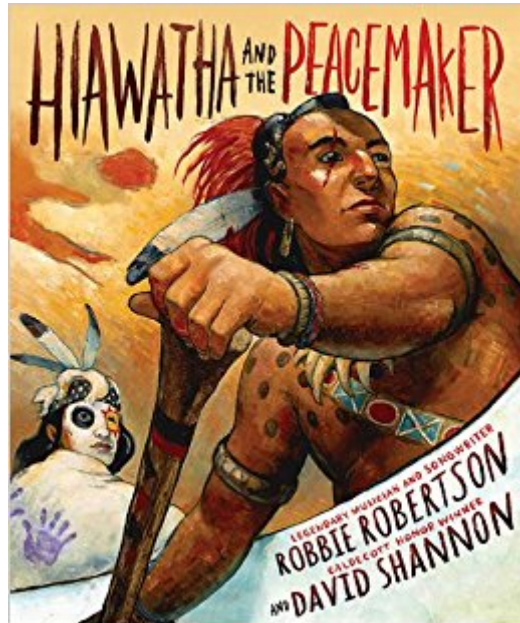




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Hiawatha And The Peacemaker



Synopsis

Born of Mohawk and Cayuga descent, musical icon Robbie Robertson learned the story of Hiawatha and his spiritual guide, the Peacemaker, as part of the Iroquois oral tradition. Now he shares the same gift of storytelling with a new generation. Hiawatha was a strong and articulate Mohawk who was chosen to translate the Peacemaker's message of unity for the five warring Iroquois nations during the 14th century. This message not only succeeded in uniting the tribes but also forever changed how the Iroquois governed themselves—a blueprint for democracy that would later inspire the authors of the U.S. Constitution. Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator David Shannon brings the journey of Hiawatha and the Peacemaker to life with arresting oil paintings. Together, Robertson and Shannon have crafted a new children's classic that will both educate and inspire readers of all ages. Includes a CD featuring a new, original song written and performed by Robbie Robertson.

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Gr 5 Up—This long overdue and stunningly illustrated work tells the story of Hiawatha, the legendary historical figure who helped form the Great Iroquois Nation. Sparked by fear, anger, and revenge, the five Haudenosaunee Nations are constantly at odds with one another other, fueled by

the evil Chief Tadodaho. The Mohawk warrior Hiawatha is consumed by grief and anger, but a Peacemaker appears and enlists him to assist in joining the tribes together under the Great Law. After traveling with the Peacemaker to the different tribes and working toward peace, Hiawatha finds forgiveness within himself. Best known for his work with The Band, Robertson offers a beautifully retold version of this tale, which has been passed down through North American Indian oral tradition. An appended note describes the Iroquois Confederacy and its impact upon the U.S. Constitution, adding authenticity and emphasizing the importance of this tale. The bright colors of Shannon's full-page spreads add depth and volume, giving readers greater understanding.

VERDICT All students should know the history of the Iroquois Confederacy, and this book provides the perfect opportunity for them to do so. —Amy Zembroski, Indian Community School, Franklin, WI

STARRED REVIEW "Hiawatha and the Peacemaker adds a much-needed, authentic Native American voice to children's literature. Its message of peace and Shannon's incredible art make for a winning combination." (Booklist)

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"Shannon's penetrating oil paintings expressively capture the initial tension and uncertainty with which these messengers of peace are met, and the tranquility that replaces it...a CD that includes a song written and performed by Robertson underscore the author's evident emotional connection to this story and passion for passing it on." (Publishers Weekly)

"Expressive, handsome, and well-documented." (Kirkus Reviews)

This story is both educational and entertaining. It's a must-read for kids of all ages and a great read for adults as well. As a long time fan of Robbie Robertson, I know his remarkable way with words and this book is his story telling at its finest. In addition, the illustrations are gorgeous and enhance the story with colorful and compelling artwork. I wholeheartedly recommend the book without reservation. You will enjoy reading this book to your children and grandchildren as much as they will enjoy listening to you.

I bought Hiawatha and the Peacemaker for my 4 yr old grandson. I read the story to him and he loves the story. i'm keeping the book for him until he is old enough to take care of it. Every time he comes to see me he gets excited about the book. He wants me to get it for him and he turns the

pages as he begins to tell me the story. He understands who the Peacemaker is and why he approaches Hiawatha to help him spread peace throughout the tribes. It is a delight to see how much he loves this story. I recommend this book for all ages. It is a beautiful story with awesome artistic illustrations.

Even tho it was written in the form of a children's book, this piece of living history tells it exactly how it was.....and how it should be. The artwork is absolutely amazing and the story line will definitely spark a feeling of love and brotherhood for the Haudenosaunee!

Excellent for children to learn about the true Hiawatha from Native American author Robbie Robertson. It is beautifully written and illustrated. It is an inspirational book about peace that comes through forgiveness; and equality that comes through democracy. Thank you Robbie for this wonderful book!

I read this to my 5th grade social studies class and it was a great story to teach them about Hiawatha and the Peace Maker!

Most beautifully authored and depicted book I have ever read. A very strong lesson in life for adults and children. The art and pictures are stunning. The CD that accompanies the book, by the fabulous author Robbie Robertson is both a spiritual and tribal, beautiful piece of music. Everyone can enjoy Hiawatha and the Peacemaker.

Wow! I am so grateful for this book! Everything, the sacredness of the story, the fantastic art, and also the CD, which is amazing. Much respect. This would be an awesome gift.

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