

## Books Worth Reading

### Personal Stories & Life Experiences<sup>1</sup>

**Amongst God's Own: the Enduring Legacy of St. Mary's Mission.** Terry Glavin with former students of St. Mary's. Mission Indian Friendship Centre and Longhouse Publishing, Mission, BC. 2002.

**BC Historical newspapers**, UBC <https://openlibrary.ubc.ca/collections/bcnewspapers>

**Chilliwack Progress Newspaper Archives:** searchable on-line by name, place, event, etc. <http://theprogress.newspapers.com/search>

**Courage to Speak: Honoring Ancestors Voices** Siyamtelot Shirley Leon with Sharon Syrette, Aboriginal Genealogy Association, Fraser Valley, BC. September 2020. Order on-line [ancestorconnections@gmail.com](mailto:ancestorconnections@gmail.com). Includes Ancestry and Family Charts for Qw'etosiya Nancy Joe Phillips, Siyamiya Amelia Aleck Douglas, and Xwiyalemot Matilda Jackson Guitierrez and over 100 family photos.

**Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre** Simon Fraser University <http://sfu.ca/olc/indigenous/coqualeetza-cultural-education-centre>

**Deedee's Indigenous Dream** Vera Creighton, 2023. Available from Aboriginal Genealogy Association; [ancestorconnections@gmail.com](mailto:ancestorconnections@gmail.com)

**Department of Indian Affairs records at Library and Archives Canada**, A Source for Genealogical Research RUSSELL, Bill; At the BC Genealogy Society library, Book - 2004

**Enduring Threads: Ecclesiastical Textiles of St John the Divine Church, Yale, British Columbia.** Editor Jennifer Iredale. Historical Yale Museum, 2004. Photographs, oral histories, archival excerpts, local history, including All Hallows School, people involved and Catalog of Works.

**Following the Good River: The Life and Times of Wa'xaid** by Briony Penn, with Cecil Paul, Rocky Mountain Books 387 pages

**Following the River: Traces of Red River Women** Lorri Neilsen Glenn. The author combines historical and personal, tracing five generations of grandmothers, back to York Factory, the places they lived, details of their lives largely undocumented.

**Forging a New Hope: Struggles and Dreams 1848 to 1948** A Pioneer Story of Hope, Flood and Laidlaw. Hope & District Historical Society, 1894. Collection of biographies and stories of both Indigenous and settler families as well as more recent community memories. Hard to find, but full of excellent information, photos, etc.

**Ethnobotany of the Hesquiat Indians of Vancouver Island** Nancy J. Turner and Barbara S Efrat for the Hesquiat Cultural Committee. British Columbia Provincial

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<sup>1</sup> The Aboriginal Genealogy Association has most of these books in our small library in Mission.

Museum, Victoria, BC, 1982. Numerous historic photographs. One in a series of Ethnobotany publications from the Museum.

**Granny & Poppa: a living portrait of the Statimcets speaking people** Malihatkwa Gwen Therrien. Cover illustration Lorenz, Sto:lo Nation, age 9. 2013. The story of a transition time; rich heritage in traditional practice and values that sustained her matrilineal culture for thousands of years. Self-published through Lulu.com Available from the author.

**Heart Berries** Terese Marie Mailhot, Penguin Random House. Memoir of an indigenous woman - a descendant of Seabird Island families – influences on her life and work.

**Historic Yale - Community Stories. slides of colorful characters.**

[https://www.communitystories.ca/v1/pm\\_v2.php?lg=English&ex=00000517&fl=0&id=exhibit](https://www.communitystories.ca/v1/pm_v2.php?lg=English&ex=00000517&fl=0&id=exhibit)

**Legacy: Trauma, Story and Indigenous Healing** Suzanne Methot. 2019 ECW Press. Author is Metis from Alberta; perceptions of how the impact of residential school survivors is influencing their descendants and the 'social services' framework.

**Listen to Words Unsaid: Echoes of Elders.** Jessica Lee La Rochelle for the immediate family of Swelimeltxw Rudolph E. Leon, Stslailies elder. Lived experience and teachings going back over a century. Publisher Jessica Lee La Rochelle, 2021. Includes photographs Leon Ancestry Chart and Family Group Chart for Rudolph F. Leon, wife and children.

**Many Tender Ties: Women in Fur-trade Society in Western Canada, 1670-1870.** Van Kirk, Sylvia. Winnipeg: Watson & Dwyer Pub., 1980.

**Mission on the Inlet: St Paul's Indian Catholic Church, North Vancouver 1863 to 1984.** Thomas A. Lascelles, O.M.I. 1984. History of the parish, building of the church, as told by a missionary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Includes numerous photos and lists of active parishioners.

**My Stories Are My Wealth** Mrs. Anthony Sidney, Mrs. Kitty Smith, Mrs. Rachel Dawson as told to Julie Cruikshank. Willow Printers, Whitehorse, Yukon. Council for Yukon Indians, 1979. Traditional stories; drawings by Suzannah B. McCallum

**Nature Power: In the Spirit of an Okanagan Storyteller** Harry Robinson, edited by Wendy Wickwire, 1992, Douglas & McIntyre.

**Native Chiefs and Famous Metis : Leadership and Bravery in the Canadian West (Amazing Stories)** QUAN, Holly. 2009 BC Genealogy Society library

**Remembering the Sacred Time of Elders.** Tselxat Sophie Joe, Siyameyot Agnes Kelly, Swelimeltxw Ed Leon, Siyamtelot Teresa Michell, Siyamo:t Susan Peters. Cover and design Vernon Brown. Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre, 2001. Photos and biographies of twenty-one Sto:lo Elders. Dedicated to Sto:lo youth so that they may continue to treasure Grandparents.

**Stony Creek Woman: the Story of Mary John** Judgement at Stony Creek Bridget Moran. Arsenal Pulp Press, Vancouver. 1998.

**Strangers in Blood: Fur Trade Company Families in Indian Country.** Brown, Jennifer. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1980.

**The Letters of Letitia Hargrave.** Macleod, Margaret Arnett. ed. Toronto: The Champlain Society, No.28., 1947

**Sema:th Xo:tsa: Great grandma's lake** story by Thetax, Chris Silver, Xemontelot Carrielynn Victor, Kris Foulds, Laura Schneider. Illustrator Xemontelot Carrielynn Victor. Beautiful picture book of Sumas Lake history and sqwelqel (true stories that were told) Available at The Reach, Abbotsford

**The Lil'wat World of Charlie Mack** ethnologists Dorothy Kennedy and Randy Bouchard edited and re-worked traditional stories and memories first published as Lillooet Stories (1977) by BC Archives; new edition includes some classic stories from the Mount Currie area as told by Charlie Mack and 'some of his friends'; photos and maps

**The Rez Sisters** a play by Tomson Highway, Fifth House Publishing, Markham, Ontario, 1988. Hilarious script, this play has often been performed in communities across Canada.

**The Same as Yesterday: the Lillooet chronicle the theft of their land and resources** Joanne Drake-Terry. Lillooet Tribal Council. 1989

**Tracing your Aboriginal Ancestors: Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A guide to the records and how to use them.** 2006 Hanowski, L. M. . Regina, SK.: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. A rich resource, clearly written and logical advice on tracking down sources, with hints on how to ask for information that's not available online

**What Was Said to Me: the life of Sti'tum'atul'wut, a Cowichan Woman** Ruby Peter in collaboration with Helene Demers. The Royal BC Museum, Victoria, BC, 2021.

**Weaving the Generations: Aboriginal Elders & Youth** Siyamtelot Shirley D. Leon editor, Qw'oqw'elitha Elders Society, Chilliwack, BC, 2017

**Yale First Nation Memories** a collection of stories, photos and recipes. J.D. Lemmens, Crystal Sedore, & the People of Yale First Nation, Yale, BC, 2020

**Yesterday** Rita Holmgren Anderson. Indian Life Books, 2015. Family story of a young Metis girl growing up in northern Saskatchewan with a Cree mother and Swedish father.

***New books and resources are being published every month. Check with your local bookstore, library, museum, archives and CBC Book Lists for a list of more recent publications. <https://www.cbc.ca/books/books-to-read-national-indigenous-history-month-michelle-good-1.6860760>***