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Dawn T Maracle & List of Resources



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Kateriwaweienstha. Hello, welcome. My name is Dawn. I am Mohawk from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. I am a life-long learner.

With twenty-five years working with and for Indigenous communities, organizations, initiatives and campaigns, Dawn has multiple education and Native Studies degrees. She has experience in Indigenous education & training, health/medicine/tobacco, governance, women and the arts.

Dawn has sat as an esteemed member of the UNESCO arts and education roundtable; in interfaith communities for the North American Interfaith Network and the Parliament of World Religions, as well as Women of Spirit and Faith (USA), and is a co-founder of Women and Wisdom Canada.

As a former National Director for the National Centre for First Nations Governance, and the National Chair for the INAC - Assembly of First Nations Working Group on Post Secondary Education, Dawn has worked on grassroots, local, regional, college, university, and national levels creating curriculum, adapting content and delivery across the nation, as well as to share her work in other countries such as Germany, Italy, the USA, and Australia.

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1. General overview 1491: The Untold Story of the Americas Before Columbus - 8 episode series

1491: The Untold Story of the Americas before Columbus is based on the book "1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus" by Charles C. Mann (Knopf, 2005). It brings to life the complexity, diversity and interconnectedness of Indigenous peoples in the Americas before the arrival of Columbus. Presented from an Indigenous-perspective the series is a journey along a timeline that dates from 20,000 years ago to 1491. The origins and history of ancient Indigenous societies in North, Central and South America are interpreted by leading Indigenous scholars and cultural leaders in the fields of archaeology, art history, ethnology, genetics, geology, and linguistics.

"The Western Hemisphere before 1492... was a thriving, stunningly diverse place, a tumult of languages, trade, and culture, a region where tens of millions of people loved and hated and worshipped as people do everywhere." Charles C. Mann. <http://aptn.ca/1491/>

Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies documentary series

Based on Jared Diamond's Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same name, Guns, Germs and Steel traces humanity's journey over the last 13,000 years - from the dawn of farming at the end of the last Ice Age to the realities of life in the twenty-first century.

Inspired by a question put to him on the island of Papua New Guinea more than thirty years ago, Diamond embarks on a world-wide quest to understand the roots of global inequality.

Why were Europeans the ones to conquer so much of our planet? Why didn't the Chinese, or the Inca, become masters of the globe instead? Why did cities first evolve in the Middle East? Why did farming never emerge in Australia? And why are the tropics now the capital of global poverty?

As he peeled back the layers of history to uncover fundamental, environmental factors shaping

the destiny of humanity, Diamond found both his theories and his own endurance tested. The three one-hour programs were filmed across four continents on High Definition digital video, and combined ambitious dramatic reconstruction with moving documentary footage and computer animation. They also include contributions from Diamond himself and a wealth of international historians, archeologists and scientists. Guns, Germs, and Steel is a thrilling ride through the elemental forces which have shaped our world – and which continue to shape our future.

<https://www.pbs.org/gunsgermssteel/>

2. Residential Schools

Where the Spirit Lives

A young Native Canadian (First Nations person) fights to keep her culture and identity when she is abducted to a residential school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aW4tzkiTLQ>
Indian Horse

An adaptation of Richard Wagamese's award-winning novel, this moving and important drama sheds light on the dark history of Canada's Residential Schools and the indomitable spirit of Indigenous people.

In late 1950s Ontario, eight-year old Saul Indian Horse is torn from his Ojibway (Anishnaabe) family and committed to one of Canada's notorious Catholic Residential Schools. In this oppressive environment, Saul is denied the freedom to speak his language or embrace his Indigenous heritage while he witnesses horrendous abuse at the hands of the very people entrusted with his care. Despite this, Saul finds salvation in the unlikeliest of places and favourite Canadian pastime — hockey. Fascinated by the game, he secretly teaches himself to play, developing a unique and rare skill. He seems to see the game in a way no other player can. His talent leads him away from the misery of the school, eventually to the Pros. But the ghosts of Saul's past are always present, and threaten to derail his promising career and future. Forced to confront his painful past, Saul draws on the spirit of his ancestors and the understanding of his friends to begin the process of healing.

The Secret Path

Gord Downie's The Secret Path and a post-show CBC Arts live panel on the road to reconciliation. Movie length 60 minutes. Panel discussion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGd764YU9yc>

***Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga**

In 1966, twelve-year-old Chanie Wenjack froze to death on the railway tracks after running away from residential school. An inquest was called and four recommendations were made to prevent another tragedy. None of those recommendations were applied.

More than a quarter of a century later, from 2000 to 2011, seven Indigenous high school students died in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The seven were hundreds of miles away from their families, forced to leave home and live in a foreign and unwelcoming city. Five were found dead in the rivers surrounding Lake Superior, below a sacred Indigenous site. Jordan Wabasse, a gentle boy and star hockey player, disappeared into the minus twenty degrees Celsius night. The

body of celebrated artist Norval Morrisseau's grandson, Kyle, was pulled from a river, as was Curran Strang's. Robyn Harper died in her boarding-house hallway and Paul Panacheese inexplicably collapsed on his kitchen floor. Reggie Bushie's death finally prompted an inquest, seven years after the discovery of Jethro Anderson, the first boy whose body was found in the water.

Using a sweeping narrative focusing on the lives of the students, award-winning investigative journalist Tanya

Talaga delves into the history of this small northern city that has come to manifest Canada's long struggle with human rights violations against Indigenous communities.

<https://houseofanansi.com/products/seven-fallen-feathers-digital>

Halfbreed by Maria Campbell

Maria Campbell's biography is a classic, vital account of a young Métis woman's struggle to come to terms with the joys, sorrows, loves and tragedies of her northern Saskatchewan childhood.

Maria was a strong and sensitive child who lived in a community robbed of its pride and dignity by the dominant culture. At 15 she tried in vain to escape by marrying a white man, only to find herself trapped in the slums of Vancouver -- addicted to drugs, tempted by suicide, close to death. But the inspiration of her Cree great-grandmother, Cheechum, gives her confidence in herself and in her people, confidence she needs to survive and to thrive.

Half-Breed offers an unparalleled understanding of the Métis people and of the racism and hatred they face. Maria Campbell's story cannot be denied and it cannot be forgotten: it stands as a challenge to all Canadians who believe in human rights and human dignity.

Available for purchase on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.ca/Half-Breed-Maria-Campbell/dp/0887801161>

In Search of April Raintree by Beatrice Mosionier

Two young sisters are taken from their home and family. Powerless to change their fortunes, they are separated, and each put into different foster homes. Yet over the years, the bond between them grows. As they each make their way in a society that is, at times, indifferent, hostile, and violent, one embraces her Métis identity, while the other tries to leave it behind. In the end, out of tragedy, comes an unexpected legacy of triumph and reclamation.

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Children of the Broken Treaty: Canada's Lost Promise and One Girl's Dream. by Charlie Angus

In this new edition of Charlie Angus's award-winning and bestselling book, he brings us up-to-date on the unrelenting epidemic of youth suicides in Indigenous communities, the Thunder Bay inquiry into the shocking deaths of young people there, the powerful impact of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report, and how the Trudeau government's commitment to Indigenous communities continues to be stymied by decades-old policy roadblocks.

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3. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Conspiracy of Silence

After a young Canadian Aboriginal girl is murdered in 1971, it takes 20 years of inaction and prejudice before the police finally find the real killers. Meanwhile the killers have to live with their own guilt and fear of being caught.

Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFGSiu9GOVC>

Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f77zz5 YCOC>

Highway of Tears

"Highway of Tears" is about the missing or murdered women along a 724 kilometer stretch of highway in northern British Columbia. None of the 18 cold-cases had been solved since 1969, until project E-Pana (a special division of the RCMP) managed to link DNA to Portland drifter, Bobby Jack Fowler with the 1974 murder of 16 year-old hitchhiker, Collen MacMillen. Why haven't the killers been found? Is this the work of one or several serial killers? In Canada, more than 500 cases of Aboriginal women have gone missing or been murdered since the 1960s. Half the cases have never been solved. Viewers will discover what the effects of generational poverty, residential schools, systemic violence, and high unemployment rates have done to First Nation reserves and how they tie in with the missing and murdered women in the Highway of Tears cases. Aboriginal women are considered abject victims of violence. Now find out what First Nation leaders are doing to try and swing the pendulum in the other direction.

Available on Canadian Netflix

4. Two-Spirit People

First Stories - Two Spirited Sharon A. Desjarlais; 2007 This short documentary presents the empowering story of Rodney "Geeyo" Poucette's struggle against prejudice in the Indigenous community as a two-spirited person (gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender).

https://www.nfb.ca/film/first_stories_two_spirited/

5. Indigenous Resistance

Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance-Directed by Alanis Obomsawin - 1993 On a July day in 1990, a confrontation propelled Native issues in Kanehsatake and the village of Oka, Quebec, into the international spotlight. Director Alanis Obomsawin spent 78 nerve-wracking days and nights filming the armed stand-off between the Mohawks, the Quebec police and the Canadian army. This powerful documentary takes you right into the action of an age-old Aboriginal struggle. The result is a portrait of the people behind the barricades.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yP3srFvhks>

Hi-Ho Mistahey! In this feature-length documentary, Alanis Obomsawin tells the story of Shannen's Dream, a national campaign to provide equitable access to education in safe and suitable schools for First Nations children. Strong participation in this initiative eventually brings

Shannen's Dream all the way to the United Nations in Geneva. <https://www.nfb.ca/film/hi-ho-mistahey-en/>

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Richard Wagamese reflecting on his novel *Indian Horse* Richard Wagamese is visited at his home near Kamloops, B.C., by *The Next Chapter* host Shelagh Rogers and they talk about living and writing there. He tells her about his new novel, *Indian Horse*, which he describes as being "about hockey, residential schools and redemption, but in the end I think it's about Canada." He talks about his own family history with residential schools, about being a foster child as a result of what was known as the Sixties Scoop, and how playing hockey gave him a feeling of community. <http://www.cbc.ca/archives/entry/richard-wagamese-on-his-novel-indian-horse>
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