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Hi,

I'm writing to share with you a First Nations reading list endorsed by the Islands Trust. The list was created by a group on Gabriola Island, with input from Indigenous activists and scholars, as well as from Islands Trust staff and trustees. These are books that many of us have found moving, well-written and in some cases eye-opening as we learn about the history, culture, and current situation of Indigenous people in Canada.

If your library is interested in acquiring more books by Indigenous writers and on Indigenous issues, I hope this list is useful. It includes various genres, and books for different age groups.

Also I wanted to mention that other communities have done events such as Gabriola's *One Book One Community* project, where interested islanders all read the same book (Richard Wagamese's *Indian Horse*) and then gathered for a community discussion.

As well as the copy included in this letter, you can find this list on-line at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/343724/first-nations-reading-list.pdf>.

Best Regards,

Laura Busheikin, Trustee
Denman Island Local Trust Committee

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