

Reader's Guide



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH BOOKTALKS *Deb Haaland: First Native American Cabinet Secretary* by Jill Doerfler and Matthew J. Martinez

Recommended for ages 8-13

Deb Haaland made history by becoming one of the first Native American women to be elected as a US Representative. Find out how her fight for Native representation and support of policies reflecting Native values led her to become the first Native American cabinet secretary.

Find the book in our catalog here: <https://tinyurl.com/3mrhb9ke>

More to Explore

Learn about Secretary Deb Haaland

<https://www.doi.gov/secretary-deb-haaland>

Interview with Deb Haaland

<https://tinyurl.com/229ej7yn>

Discussion Questions

- Deb Haaland made a difference in her community by volunteering and becoming a government official. What can you do to help others in your community?
- Throughout her political career, Haaland carefully selected her clothes and accessories to honor her heritage and to show support to Native causes. Do you have objects that honor what is special and meaningful to you? What do they represent?
- Why is it important to celebrate Haaland as the first Native cabinet secretary, especially her role as the Secretary of Interior?
- Haaland's grandparents were removed from their families and forced to live at boarding schools when they were younger, experiencing many hardships and trauma. Even though it was painful for her family to talk about it, Haaland was still able to share her families' history and create the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to help Native communities heal. Who do you talk to when you're experiencing tough situations?

Read-Alikes

What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me by Alexis Bunten and illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt

<https://tinyurl.com/2s43sbkh>



Indigenous Peoples: Women Who Made a Difference by Katruna Philips
<https://tinyurl.com/bd693mh6>

Native Women Changing Their Worlds by Patricia J. Cutright
<https://tinyurl.com/9tr4c22d>