

# Reader's Guide



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH BOOKTALKS

*We Dream Medicine Dreams* by Lisa Boivin

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*Recommended for ages 5-8*

*A granddaughter learns how to interpret medicine dreams from her grandfather and goes through all the lessons she learns as she comes to terms with the fact that her grandfather is in a coma. She uses the same lessons to cope with her grief and eventually finds him in her dreams. Though the topic is serious, there is still a lot of comfort and hope in both the illustrations and text that makes it suitable for children.*

Find the book in our catalog here: <https://bit.ly/3TnwfZx>

#### More to Explore

Lisa Boivin Author Page

<https://www.portageandmainpress.com/Contributors/B/Boivin-Lisa>

Interview with Artist Lisa Boivin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0of7wfa740>

#### Discussion Questions

- Which animal did you like best in this book?
- What's your favorite thing you like to do with your grandparents or parents?
- Who can you go to when you are feeling sad?
- When you feel sad, what do you do to feel better?

#### Read-Alikes

*Birdsong* written and illustrated by Julie Flett

<https://bit.ly/3Dj9UXg>

*You Hold Me Up* written by Monique Gray Smith and illustrated by Danielle Daniel

<https://bit.ly/3sfvGVx>

*Swift Fox All Along* written by Rebecca Thomas and illustrated by Maya McKibbin

<https://bit.ly/3MQOnIE>