

Native American Reading List - SLICE™

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Book Name	Author	Grade Level	Synopsis
100 Native Americans Who Shaped American History	Bonnie Juettner	5.0	Through the efforts of all these people-and many others-it's clear that Native Americans have not only survived but prospered, and will continue to shape American history for many years to come.
A Boy Called Slow***Story Spinner Turquoise	Joseph Bruchac	4.3	The story of the childhood of the greatest Lakota hero Sitting Bull is told with drama and poignancy.
A Boy Named Beckoning The True Story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Native American Hero	Gina Capaldi	6.0	This biography profiles the life of a Native American boy named Wassaja, or "Beckoning," who grows up to become a doctor and leader for his people, calling out for their rights.
A Promise is a Promise	Robert N Munsch	2.8	A retelling of an Inuit story about how a mother saves her children from the Qallupillut who live below the ice-covered ocean.
A Rainbow at Night	Bruce Hucko	4.8	This is a collection of art by Navajo children which shows some of the special traditions of Navajo life.
A Thief of Time	Tony Hillerman	4.7	Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Officer Jim Chee investigate two murders at an ancient Anasazi ruin.
American Indian Tribal Governments	Sharon O'Brien	13.5	

American Indian Children of the Past	Victoria Sherrow	7.2	Describes what life was like for Indian children growing up in various regions—Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, Plains, and Northwest Coast—during the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries.
Annie and the Old One	Miska Miles	4.4	Annie comes to accept the impending death of her grandmother, as she recognizes the wonder of life.
Antelope Woman	Michael LaCapa	5.4	A beautiful Apache maiden follows the mysterious young man who has come to teach her people to respect “all things great and small” and becomes his wife.
Apache Children and Elders Talk Together	E. Barrie Kavasch	3.9	Explores the culture and traditions of the Apache people through the voices of Apache children and older people.
Apache Rodeo	Diane Hoyt Goldsmith	6.5	
As the Eagle Goes	Anne Schraff	4.0	Jim's grandfather wants him to help erase the shame of Jim Thorpe's disqualification.
Best of Enemies	Suzanne Pierson Ellison	6.0	Three young people from very different backgrounds—the son of a wealthy New Mexican rancher, a Navajo slave, and a young Texan soldier—who find themselves held for ransom by a pair of horse thieves learn to look beyond their differences.
Bear Dance ***Story Spinner Earth	Will Hobbs	5.0	While accompanying an elderly rancher on a trip into the San Juan Mountains, Cloyd, a Ute Indian boy, tries to help two orphaned grizzly cubs survive the winter and, at the same time, completes his spirit mission.

Bearstone***Story Spinner Silver

Will Hobbs

5.0

A troubled Native American boy goes to live with an elderly rancher whose caring ways help the boy become a man.

Black Elk Speaks

John G. Niehardt

5.0

Examines the life, culture, and spiritual beliefs of the Plains Indians during the tragic decades of the Custer battle, the ghost dance, and Wounded Knee.

Blue Horses Rush In

Luci Tapahonso

Wrapped in blankets and looking at the stars, a young Navajo girl listened long ago to stories that would guide her for the rest of her life.

Ceremony

Leslie Marmon Silko

Tayo, a young Native American has been a prisoner of the Japanese during World War II, and the horrors of captivity have almost eroded his will to survive. His return to the Laguna Pueblo reservation only increases his feeling of estrangement and alienation.

Cheyenne Again

Eve Bunting

2.9

In the late 1880s, a Cheyenne boy named Young Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man's way.

Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce

Bill McAuliffe

3.5

This book presents the story of the Indian leader who tried but failed to get his people into Canada in 1877 so that they would not be sent to a reservation.

Coyote Places the Stars

Harriet P. Taylor

4.3

In a Wasco Indian legend, Coyote rearranges the stars.

Coyote Walks on Two Legs

Gerald Hausman

3.5

We are not strangers and the Navajos say that we once spoke the same language.

Crazy Horses Vision	Joseph Bruchac	4	This is a story based on the life of the young Lakota boy, who grew up to be one of the bravest defenders of his people. He later became known as Crazy Horse.
Crossing Bok Chitto	Tim Tingle	4.4	In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with a slave boy from a plantation across the great river, and when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.
Day and Night	Nedra Emery	5.6	In this bilingual Navajo tale, Horned Toad rescues Turkey from Gray Giant by lending Turkey his helmet, the one thing Gray Giant fears.
Dinetah, An Early History of the Navajo People	Lawrence Sundberg	6.4	
Dogsong***Story Spinner Silver	Gary Paulsen	5.2	A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy takes a 1,400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains.
Dream Wolf	Paul Goble	4.3	When two Plains Indian children become lost, they are cared for and guided safely home by a friendly wolf.
Eagle Boy: A Traditional Navajo Legend	Gerald Hausman	4.2	Father and Mother Eagle take a Navajo boy to the country of the clouds where, though he allows Coyote to trick him, he learns the healing ways of eagles.
Everybody Needs a Rock	Byrd Baylor	3.3	This book describes the qualities to consider in selecting the perfect rock for play and pleasure.

Fathers Boots	Baje Whitethorne, Sr.	6.3	In this story, told in both English and Navajo, three Navajo brothers learn from their grandmother stories about the creation of the earth.
Fire Race: A Karuk Coyote Tale About How Fire Came to the People	Jonathan London	4	With the help of other animals, Wise Old Coyote manages to acquire fire from the wicked Yellow Jacket sisters
First Indian on the Moon	Sherman Alexie	6	A great collection of Alexie's poetry and super-short stories (often less than a page). In particular, I love the tiny stories. It's like a postage stamp because it includes a minuscule but complete picture.
Flight***Story Spinner Earth	Sherman Alexie	3.7	Interest Level: Upper Grades Summary: This novel follows the life of a troubled teen as he is transported back and forth in time in a search of his true identity.
Forbidden Talent	Redwing Nez	3	Ashkii, who lives on an Indian reservation with his grandparents, finds that his way of painting is in conflict with what his grandfather calls the " Navajo Way."
Grandfather's Story of Navajo Monsters	Richard Red Hawk	4.5	"Long ago," Grandfather said, beginning the monster stories with an excited voice, "the Dine' or Navajo people were being harmed by monsters. So two young warriors--the Twins--went to their father for help."
Grandma Calls Me Beautiful	Barbara M. Josse	2.7	A Hawaiian grandmother tells her granddaughter a favorite story about how much she loves her. The book includes a glossary with definitions and explanations of Hawaiian words and customs.

Grandmothers Pigeon	Louise Erdrich		Passenger pigeon hatchlings, thought to be extinct, are discovered in Grandmothers room after she departs on a voyage to Greenland.
Gray Wolf's Daughter	BY HINOOK-MAHIWI-KILINAKA (ANGEL DE CORA)	6.7	A Short Story
Half a Moon and One Whole Star	Crescent Dragonwagon	4.2	The summer night is full of wonderful sounds and scents as Susan falls asleep.
Hawk, I'm Your Brother	Byrd Baylor	3.6	Lyrical storybook with spacious illustrations and poetic text.
Hosteen Klah	Franc JohnsonNewcomb		Navajo Medicine Man and Sand Painter
House Made of Dawn	N. Scott Momaday		The novel of a proud stranger in his native land.
How the Stars Fell into the Sky	Jerrie Oughton	4.3	This book is a retelling of the Navajo legend that explains the patterns of the stars in the sky.
Indian Killer	Sherman Alexie	5.0	A serial murderer is terrorizing Seattle, hunting and scalping white men. (Appropriate for upper grades.)
Indian Shoes	Cynthia Leitich Smith	5.2	Together with Grampa, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds solutions to life's challenges
Indian Why Stories			

Ishi	Theodora Kroeber	5.6	This is the true account of Ishi, the sole survivor and last hero of the Yahi tribe, who were violently wiped out by invading white men in the early 1900s.
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	5.4	This book portrays the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.
I Swallow Turquoise for Courage	Hershman R. John	5.4	Āk'ididaa' jini. The stories begin. In poems that exude the warmth of an afternoon in the southwestern sun, Hershman John draws readers into a world both familiar and utterly new.
Jingle Dancer	Cynthia Leithich Smith	3.7	Jenna borrows jingles from the dresses of several friends and relatives so that she can perform the jingle dance at the powwow.
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	5.8	Common sense and courage enable a young Eskimo girl to survive when she becomes lost in the Arctic wild.
Kahasi and the Loon an Eskimo Legend	Terri Cohlene	4.4	This book retells the legend of Ka-ha-si, who acquires great strength and boldness and uses them to rescue his people in times of peril. It includes some information on the customs and lifestyle of the Eskimos.
Keepers of the Earth	Caduto and Bruchac		
Kinaalda' A Navajo Girl Grows Up***Story Spinner Turquoise	Monty Roessel	5.0	Celinda McKelvey, a Navajo girl, participates in the Kinaalda, the traditional coming-of-age ceremony of her people.

Kokopelli's Flute	Will Hobbs	5.3	Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American Magic.
Land of the Gray Wolf The	Thomas Locker	4.7	Running Deer and his fellow tribesmen take special care of their land until they lose it to invading white settlers, who wear it out and leave it to recover on its own.
Last of the Mohicans	James Cooper	12	This classic portrays a man of moral courage who severs all connections with a society whose values he can no longer accept.
Laughing Boy***Story Spinner Earth	Oliver LaFarge	5.7	This novel has been called the greatest Indian love story of all time -- an American classic.
Little Black, A Pony	Walter Farley	1.7	When a small boy graduates from his little pony to a big horse, the pony is sad until the time comes when he is able to do something the big horse cannot do.
Little Firefly an Algonquian Legend	Terri Cohlene	4.8	
Little Prankster Girl	Martha Blue	4.3	Even more than a new name, Little Prankster Girl wants to learn how to weave, so she decides to teach herself.
Long Arrow and the Elk Dogs	Geoff Smith	6	How did the Elk Dog come to the Blackfeet people? As you read, stop now and then to summarize parts of the story.

Ma'li and Cousin Horned Toad	Shonto Begay	6.4	A lazy conniving coyote takes advantage of his cousin Horned Toad, until Horned Toad teaches him a lesson he never forgets.
Magic of the Spiderwoman	Lois Duncan	5.2	Retells the Navajo tale of how a stubborn girl learns from the Spider Woman how to keep her life in balance by respecting its boundaries.
Mama, Do You Love Me?	Barbara M. Josse	2.3	A child living in the Arctic learns that a mother's love is unconditional.
Maria Tallchief Native American Ballerina	Paul Lang	4.2	Tells the story of Maria Tallchief, focusing on her Native American background and her rise to fame with the New York City Ballet.
Monster Birds	Vee Browne	5.5	Monster Birds preyed upon the people of the Anasazi village, Sunbearer, gave his sons the most powerful weapons on earth--the lightning arrows and magic feathers--so they could protect their people from the Monster Birds.
Monster Slayer	Vee Browne	3.5	This book represents one portion of the traditional Navajo Monster Slayer story. The Walking Giant is one of four monsters who plague the Anasazi villages.
Morning Girl	Michael Dorris	4.9	A young Taino girl goes swimming off her Bahamian island and meets Christopher Columbus' landing party in this vivid portrait of a Native American family and their culture.
Morning on the Lake	Jan Bordeau Waboose	3.7	Three linked stories in which an Ojibway child learns from his grandfather the ways of nature and discovers his own place in the world.

My Name is Sally Little Song	Brenda Woods	4.4	After learning that their owner plans to sell the children, twelve-year-old Sally and her family run away from their Georgia plantation to look for both freedom from slavery and a home in Florida with the Seminole Indians.
Native American Doctor: The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte	Jeri Ferris	6.6	A biography of the young Omaha Indian woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school.
Native Trailblazers: Native Athletes in Action!***Story Spinner Trailblazers	Vincent Schilling	7.7	From skiing and skating to bowling and baseball, almost every sport has its outstanding Native performers.
Native Trailblazers: Native Defenders of the Environment***Story Spinner Trailblazers	Vincent Schilling	11	Features the lives of eleven individuals who work to save the environment. These modern-day warriors show courage, determination, and resistance against multinational corporations and government policies harming the planet.
Native Trailblazers: Native Men of Courage***Story Spinner Trailblazers	Vincent Schilling	7	Read about ten outstanding leaders who overcame personal challenges and achieved extraordinary accomplishments.
Native Trailblazers: Native Musicians in the Groove***Story Spinner Trailblazers	Vincent Schilling	9	Native Musicians in the Groove was awarded the 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Awards as a finalist in the Multicultural Non-Fiction category! Read about the lives and accomplishments of these outstanding performers who represent the fresh new sounds from Native America today. The music of these talented artists transcends borders and cultures to speak directly to the hearts and minds of its listeners.

Native Trailblazers: Native Women of Courage***Story Spinner Trailblazers	Kelly Fournel	11.7	Read ten biographies of both historic and contemporary woman leaders in the Native community who followed their paths, challenged traditional stereotypes, and fought discrimination against indigenous people.
Navajo Code Talkers***Story Spinner Silver	Nathan Aaseng	9.5	The story of the Navajo Indians who served in World War II by using their ancient tribal language as a means of secret military communication.
Navajo Folk Tales	Franc Johnson Newcomb		In this marvelous collection, Franc Newcomb recounts some of the many folk tales she heard during long winter evenings at Blue Mesa.
Navajo Long Walk	Nancy M. Armstrong	4	In the early 1860's, the United States government was under pressure from ranchers, farmers and other Indian tribes in Arizona and New Mexico to put a stop to raiding by the Navajos. In 1863, although the Civil War was in full force, Union Army forces returned to confront the Navajos.
Naya Nuki: A Shoshone Girl Who Ran	Kenneth Thomasma	5.6	A beautiful story of Naya Nuki, an eleven-year-old Indian girl, who was taken captive. She is determined to escape and return to her own people a thousand miles away.
North American Indian Tales***Story Spinner Turquoise	W.T. Larned	5	Charming collection of 7 authentic Indian tales told by Iago the storyteller.
Old Indian Legends	Zitkala Sa	6	
On the Cliffs of Acoma	John Dressman	4.7	

One Small Blue Bead	Byrd Baylor	4	A boy makes it possible for an old man in their primitive tribe to go in search of other men in far-off places.
Osceola Seminole Warrior	William Sanford	4.0	Biography of the Native American who defended his people against the U. S. Army.
Pocahontas***Story Spinner Silver	Joseph Bruchac	6.3	This story, told from the viewpoints of Pocahontas and John Smith, describes their lives in the context of the encounter between the Powhatan Indians and the English colonists of 17th century Jamestown, Virginia.
Racing the Sun	Paul Pitts	5.0	When twelve-year-old Brandon's Navajo grandfather comes to live with him, Brandon is forced to consider his heritage and his father's rejection of the old ways.
Rain Is Not My Indian Name***Story Spinner Earth	Cynthia Leitich Smith	5.8	Tired of staying in seclusion since the death of her best friend, a fourteen-year-old Native American girl takes on a photographic assignment with her local newspaper to cover events at the Native American summer youth camp.
Rainbow Crow	Nancy Van Laan	4.3	When the weather changes and the ever-falling snow threatens to engulf all the animals, it is Crow who flies up to receive the gift of fire from the Great Sky Spirit.
Red Fox and His Canoe	Nataniel Benchley	2.2	A young Indian boy receives a larger canoe along with some unforeseen complications.

Reservation Blues	Sherman Alexie	4.6	Thomas and his Coyote Springs bandmates careen through ancestral nightmares and rock-and-roll dreams, sounding chords of celebration and survival as timeless as their tribe. (Appropriate for upper grades.)
Sacajawea***Story Spinner Earth	Joseph Bruchac	5.7	Sacajawea, a Shoshone Indian interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, and William Clark alternate in describing their experiences on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Northwest.
Sacagawea and the Bravest Deed	Stephen Krensky	3.0	Young Sacagawea wants to be as brave as her brother, but she is not allowed to hunt with him to prove it. Then, while gathering wood with her grandmother, an angry rattlesnake shows Sacagawea that there are many ways to be brave.
Sing Down the Moon***Story Spinner Turquoise	Scott O'Dell	4.9	The forced migration of Navajos from their homeland, is described from the Native American point of view.
Skinwalkers	Tony Hillerman	5.3	Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn and Officer Jim Chee investigate three murders that show signs of Navajo witchcraft.
Star Boy	Paul Goble	4.1	Relates the Blackfoot Indian legend in which Star Boy gains the Sun's forgiveness for his mother's disobedience and is allowed to return to the Sky World.
Sunpainters	Baje Whitethorne	6.1	Explaining a solar eclipse, a Navajo tells his grandson that when the sun dies the children of Mother Earth are called from the four directions to repaint the universe in all the colors of the rainbow.

The Navajos	Virginia Sneve	5.7	Provides an overview of the history, culture, and ways of life of the Navajo, or Pueblo, Indians.
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman Alexie	4.0	Interest Level: Upper Grades Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. (Appropriate for upper grades.)
The Apache Indians	Bill Lund	3.6	Provides an overview of the past and present lives of the Apache people, covering their daily life, customs, relations with the government and others, and more.
The Basket Maker and the Spinner	Beatrice Siegel	7.0	Modern technology has all but swallowed up the great art of basketry of our Indian ancestors. Baskets bring back to us the inner solitude and artistry of Indian women whose role in thousands of years of the continent's history we have yet to appreciate. The spinner also talks of an earlier time. but in a different voice .
The Birchbark House***Story Spinner Silver	Louise Erdrich	6.1	Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.
The Cherokee Indians	Bill Lund	3.2	Provides an overview of the past and present lives of the Cherokee people, covering their daily life, customs, and relations with the government and others.
The Dark Pond***Story Spinner Silver	Joseph Bruchac	5.3	After he feels a mysterious pull drawing him toward a dark, shadowy pond in the woods, Armie looks to old Native American tales for guidance about the dangerous monster lurking in the water.

The Girl Who Chased Away Sorrow	Ann Turner	6.5	The Diary of Sarah Nita, a Navajo Girl- New Mexico, 1864
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	Paul Goble	4.1	Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.
The Goat in the Rug	Charles L. Blood	3.9	Geraldine, a goat, describes each step as she and her Navajo friend make a rug, from the hair clipping and carding to the dyeing and actual weaving. By Geraldine, as told to Charles L. Blood and Martin Link.
The Great Ball Game	Joseph Bruchac	3.1	Bat, who has both wings and teeth, plays an important part in a game between the Birds and the Animals to decide which group is better.
The Indian School***Story Spinner Turquoise	Gloria Whelan	4.3	In 1839, newly orphaned eleven-year-old Lucy goes to live with her missionary aunt and uncle who run a school for Indian children in northern Michigan.
The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist Fight in Heaven	Sherman Alexie	5.4	In this darkly comic short story collection, the author brilliantly weaves memory, fantasy, and stark realism to paint a complex, grimly ironic portrait of life in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation.
The Mud Pony	Caron Lee Cohen	3.7	A poor boy becomes a powerful leader when Mother Earth turns his mud pony into a real one, but after the pony turns back to mud, he must find his own strength.
The Navajo	Alice Osinski	5.1	A brief history of the Navajo Indians describing customs, interactions with white settlers, and changes in traditional ways of life brought on by modern civilization.

The Ojibwa Indians	Bill Lund	3.4	Provides an overview of the past and present lives of the Ojibwa people, covering their life, customs, relations with government and others, and more.
One Day in the Desert	Jean Craighead George	5.5	Explains how the animal and human inhabitants of the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, including a mountain lion, a roadrunner, a coyote, a tortoise, and members of the Papago Indian tribe, adapt to and survive the deserts merciless heat.
The People Shall Continue	Simon Ortiz	2.4	Traces the progress of the Indians of North America from the time of the Creation to the present.
The Pueblo Indians	Liza N. Burby	8.8	Examines the history, culture, and way of life of the Pueblo Indians.
The Rough-Face Girl	Rafe Martin	4.0	In this Algonquin Indian version of the Cinderella story, the Rough-Face Girl and her two beautiful but heartless sisters compete for the affections of the Invisible Being.
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth G Spear	4.0	A young boy in Maine, when rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson, must decide whether to spend the winter alone in the woods waiting for his family to return or move on to a new life with his new friends.
The Song of Hiawatha	Henry W. Longfellow	6.5	<i>The Song of Hiawatha</i> , based on an accumulation of American Indian stories and legends
The Table Where Rich People Sit	Byrd Baylor	4.3	A girl discovers that her impoverished family is rich in things that matter in life, especially being outdoors and experiencing nature.

The Way to Rainy Mountain	N. Scott Momaday	5.9	This book retells Kiowa myths the author learned from his grandmother and describes the Indian life he knew as a child.
The Wigwam and the Longhouse	Charlotte, David Yue	6.3	From the Northwest Territories of Canada as far southeast as Virginia in the United States, bark became indispensable to the everyday life of Native peoples.
This Land is My Land	George Littlechild	4.7	Using text and his own paintings, the author describes the experiences of Indians of North America in general as well as his experiences growing up as a Plains Cree Indian in Canada.
Thunder Rolling In the Mountains	S O'Dell/Elizabeth Hall	4.6	In the late nineteenth century, a young Nez Perce girl relates how her people were driven off their land by the U. S. Army and forced to retreat north until their eventual surrender.
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson	5.3	After his anger erupts into violence and to avoid prison, Cole agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on Native American Circle Justice at a remote Alaskan Island, and encounters a huge Spirit Bear that changes his life.
Turkey's Gift to the People	Ani Rucki	6.5	When a great wall of water threatens to destroy them, the animals band together to save themselves, but it is the turkey who remembers to save the seeds they will need to rebuild their lives.
Turkey and Giant	Nedra Emery	4.8	In this bilingual Navajo tale Horned Toad rescues Turkey from Gray Giant by lending Turkey his helmet, the one thing Gray Giant fears.

Truth is a Bright Star***Story Spinner Turquoise	Joan Price	4.5	Understanding and finally friendship develop between a Hopi Indian boy and the fur trapper who bought him from Spanish soldiers in 1832.
Walker of Time	Helen Hughes Vick	8.0	A fifteen-year-old Hopi boy and his freckled companion travel back 800 years to the world of the Sinagua culture, a group of people beset by drought and illness and in need of a leader.
Walker's Journey Home	Helen Hughes Vick	8.0	Sequel to: Walker of time Summary: Still trapped in ancient times, fifteen-year-old Walker reluctantly accepts the responsibility of leading a group of Indians on a difficult and dangerous journey across the high desert country of northern Arizona to a new home on the Hopi mesas.
Walks in Beauty	Hazel Krantz	5.4	Fifteen-year-old Anita Whiterock, a Navajo teenager living on a New Mexico reservation, struggles with conflicting forces as she tries to reconcile traditional Navajo ways with her desires for progress.
When the Legends Die	Hal Borland	5.2	A modern Indian boy is left alone to live in the wilderness.
Who Will Tell My Brother?***Story Spinner Earth	Marlene Carvell	6.6	Evan is a typical high-school student who suffers the same worries and anxieties as his peers - and then some. Determined to persuade high-school officials to remove offensive Indian mascots, he assumes a struggle that spirals into self-exploration.

Wolf Child

Nolan Dennis

5.1

Too weakened by illness to be a hunter, nine-year-old Teo is apprenticed to the toolmaker Mova but leads a lonely existence until he finds and befriends an orphaned wolf cub. But food is scarce and the leader of the clan is against keeping the animal.