INUIT RESOURCES
A SUMMARY
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Secondary:

Arctic Sky, The: Inuit Astronomy, Star Lore and Legend
520.89 MAC
By John MacDonald
A tour of the arctic universe awaits readers. Constellations, star lore, legends and mythology, the sun, moon, planets, shooting stars and atmospheric phenomena such as aurora borealis. Enjoy this journey through the Arctic night.

Curse of the Shaman, The (J)
Michael Kusugak
813.54: KUS
A curse was put on Baby Wolverine by a shaman. This writing of this story explains many of the traditional Inuit ways of life.

Inuit Women Artists
704.03: LER
Odette Leroux
Cape Dorset artists and their work.

Nunavut’ 99
971.9 SOU
By Marion Soubliere and Greg Coleman
Written in English and Inuit. With a land claim agreement and now, a territory, the Inuit of Canada’s central and eastern Arctic are back in the driver’s seat. This book examines the personal toll and future challenges impacted from the negotiations.

Native People Native Lands – Canadian Indians, Inuit and Métis
971.00497 COX

Native Studies 10 – Societal Structures of Indian, Métis & Inuit Peoples
371.3 SAS
By Saskatchewan Education

Northwest Territories Information
971.00497 NOR
By Traditional Life Series
Photographs of Inuit traditional life (folder)

Nunavut Info/Tourism Package
371.3 NUN
Nunavut Information/Tourism
A package of 4 booklets containing maps and brief descriptions of art, culture, temperatures wildlife, etc. in areas of Nunavut.

On Thin Ice
813.6 BAS
By Jamie Bastedo
The story of Ashley Anowiak struggling to understand her spiritual connection to polar bears.
Our Words, Our Ways
371.92 ALB
By Alberta Education

People from Our Side
971.00497: PIT
By Peter Pitseolak
An Inuit record of Seekooseelak – the land of the people of Cape Dorset, Baffin Island. A life story with photographs.

People of the Willows
759.11: MAR
Winifred P. Marsh
The author’s words and paintings of her life among the Padlimiut people.

Roots of Ticasuk, The
970.00497: TIC
Ticasuk, (Emily Ivanoff Brown)
An Eskimo woman’s family story

Solvent Use/Abuse among Canadian Indian and Inuit Population
362.29
By S&S Learning Materials

Tales from the Igloo & More Tales from the Igloo
398.2 NAN
As told by Agnes Nanogak
Inuit stories edited and translated into English.

Thunder on the Tundra
By Natasha Thorpe
599.65 THO
Qaujimajatuqangit of the Bathurst Caribou.

tukiliit
305.8 HAL
Norman Hallendy
An introduction to inuksuit and other stone figures of the north

Unikkaaqtuat:
398.2:CHR
Neil Christopher
An introduction to Inuit myths and legends

Uqalurait: An Oral History of Nunavut
306.089 BEN
By John Bennett & Susan Rowley
This book provides remarkable and much-needed glimpses into many Little-known facets of traditional Inuit life.

Elementary/Middle School:

A Promise is a Promise
P.I. 813.54:MUN
Robert Munsch & Michael Kusugak
A young girl outwits the traditional Inuit monster.

A Symphony of Whales
PI 813.54:SCH
By Steve Schuch
A story based on a whale rescue in a Siberian village in Russia.

Alego
PI 813.6: TEE
By Ningeokuluk Teevee
A story about a young girl who goes to gather clams with her grandmother.
Arctic Adventures
**PI 305.89 RIV**
*By Raquel Rivera*
An introduction to Inuit culture past and present.

Arctic Stories
**PI 813.54 KUS**
*By Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak*
It’s 1958, and this is going to be an eventful year in the life of ten-year-old Agatha. The last thing she expects is to become a hero, but heroism awaits her: she saves her community from a monstrous flying object, befriends the birds of her northern home, and rescues a skating priest who has ventured onto thin ice.

Ava & the Little Folk
**PI 813.6 CHR**
*Neil Christopher & Alan Neal*
A contemporary tale of the tiny people who live in the Arctic.

Baseball Bats for Christmas
**PI 813.54 KUS**
*By Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak*
Never having seen trees, the children in Repulse Bay decide that the funny things delivered to them one year for Christmas must actually be for making baseball bats. “Kusugak’s first-person narration is warm, energetic, and wonderfully humourous. The story sprawls out anecdotally “A stand-out season winner.”

Berry Magic
**PI 813.54 SLO**
*Teri Sloat & Betty Huffman*
How berry-picking time in Alaska changed by a girl.

Beyond the Northern Lights
**PI 813.6 BLA**
*By Lynn Blaikie*
In the remote north, a young girl calls on the raven to take her on a magical journey through the air, under the sea, and finally to a warm fire, where the elders sit and the native spirits dance.

Building an Igloo
**PI 693.91 STE**
*By Ulli Steltzer*
Text, photographs, and subject are a fascinating, and respectful glimpse at a traditional art appealing to children.

Blue Raven, The
**PI 398.2 HAR**
*By Ted Harrison*
Yukon artist Ted Harrison has produced a book of unique, colourful, and deceptively simple paintings, matching them with distinctive text.

Canadian Arctic Animals
**PI 591.9 MAS**
*By Colleayn O.Mastin*
A book from the ”Nature Canada Series”.

Canadian Arctic Inuit, The (Teachers Resource Grade 3-4)
**PI 371.3 IRO**
*By Joanne Irons*
The activities in this truly integrated resource are so much fun that students won’t realize that they are learning! Puzzles and games, model making and visual exercises complement the skills used in word study, reading comprehension and creative writing.
Caribou Girl
PI 813.6 MUR
By Claire Rudolf Murphy
Caribou Girl embarks upon a journey to find the caribou that her people depend on for food. She is transformed into her namesake animal and meets her great grandmother Pakimna, a shaman who lives on the moon with Moon Man. She travels with the caribou spirit to live and learn the ways of the herd. When her journey is complete, she returns to her people to explain how they can live in harmony with the herd.

Children of the Yukon
PI 971.9 HAR
By Ted Harrison
Ted Harrison’s reflections of the Yukon. Memories of his teaching days in the village of Carcross in 1968. He reveals his secret world of the Yukon’s incredible beauty and peace and the friendly people he met.

Dance on a Sealskin
PI 813.54 WIN
By Barbara Winslow
This story is based on the experiences of the author and illustrator while living and teaching in Yupik villages along the Yukon River and the Bering Sea in Alaska in the 1970’s. A heartwarming fictional story of Annie’s “first dance,” that signifies her official entry into the Eskimo community.

David’s Day
PI 813.54 BRO
By Diane Brookes
A simple story about a child’s life out on the land in the summer months.

Delta is my Home, The
PI 971.9 McL
By Tom McLeod
Tom McLeod is an 11 yr old boy from Aklavik of mixed cultural heritage—Gwich’in and Inuvialuit. Tom tells how the Mackenzie Delta floods in the Spring, how to make bannock, and about “ratting” (trapping muskrats) and hunting black ducks.

Emily, Moonshine and Sister Goose
PI 813.54 LAN
By Susanne Lansonius
Follow Emily as she flies north to an Inuit village on the back of Sister Goose to visit her friend Moonshine. It is a beautiful and informative introduction to northern wildlife.

Falcon Bow, The: An Arctic Legend
PI 813.54 HOU
By James Houston
The fish have failed them and the caribou herds have not returned. A hot-headed young Inuit hunter accuses the inland Indians of deliberately setting fires to prevent the caribou migration. Kungo journeys inland to discover the truth only to find that the inland Indians are also starving. To prevent a bloody feud, together with his sister, Kungo manages to bring about a new understanding between the Inuit and Indians that result in lasting peace.

Giant Bear, The
PI 398.2 ANG
Jose Angutinngurniq & Eva Widermann
A traditional story of the nanurluk, a massive bear that is the size of an iceberg.
Gift of the Inuksuk, The  
**PI 813.6 ULM**  
*By Mike Ulmer*  
Many lives ago, a young girl in what would become the Nunavut territory of Canada, builds stone men, called Inuksuk, to direct her father and brother home when they are in a storm while hunting caribou.

Harpoon of the Hunter  
**PI 398.02 MAR**  
*By Markoosie*  
The hero of this story, young Kamik, achieves manhood during the hunt for a wounded polar bear. This is the first piece of Inuit fiction to be published in English describes life in the Canadian Arctic before the coming of the white man. It is an astonishing tale of a people struggling for survival in a brutal environment.

Haida and the Inuit, The: People of the Seasons  
**PI 970.00497 SIS**  
*By Heather Smith Siska*  
Explorations Series—A Canadian Social Studies Program for Elementary Schools. Find out about Canada’s early people through shared stories and photographs.

Hide and Sneak  
**PI 813.54 KUS**  
*By Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak*  
“Don’t go too far away. An Ijiraq might hide you, and.... no one will ever find you again.” Her mother’s warning, however, does little to stop Allashua from following the mythical creature to his special hiding place. The fun-loving Ijiraq leads her over hills, across a field, then through a creek until they finally arrive at a cave. As they wait to be “found,” the Ijiraq continues to laugh and sing, but Allashua is getting hungry and starting to miss her parents. How will she find her own way back?

Houses of Snow, Skin and Bones  
**PI 392.3 SHE**  
*By Bonnie Shemie*  
Bonnie Shemie’s admiration for the genius of Native peoples involving problems of shelter propels this well-received series. Throughout, she never forgets her ultimate purpose: to make children as excited about the subject.

An Inuit Community  
*(Teachers Resource)*  
**PI 371.3 IRO**  
The activities in this truly integrated resource are so much fun that students won’t realize that they are learning! Puzzles and games, model making and visual exercises complement the skills used in word study, reading comprehension and creative writing.

Inuit  
**PI 971.9:BAN**  
*Erinn Banting*  
Information on Inuit culture for young people. (from the *Aboriginal Peoples of Canada* series)

Inuit, The  
**371.3: DAV**  
*Rhona Davies*  
A Grade 4 level Social Studies aid for teaching.

Inuit thought of it, The: Amazing Arctic Innovations  
**PI 303.48 IPE**  
*By Alootook Ipellie and David MacDonald*  
This book explores more than forty ideas crucial to that survival. From items still familiar to us today (like kayaks and
parkas) to inventive concepts that shaped their lives. Celebrate the creativity of a remarkably resourceful people.

**Inuksuk Book, The**  
**PI 306.089: WAL**  
*Mary Wallace*  
Look at an old inuksuk and you are seeing the thoughts another person left upon the land.

**Inuksuk Journey**  
**PI 910 WAL**  
*By Mary Wallace*  
Eight days journey near Baffin Bay with Inuit guides.

**Kids Book of the Far North, The**  
**PI 909.09 LOV**  
*By Ann Love and Jane Drake*  
It’s December and the temperature has dropped to forty degrees below zero. Fierce winds have blown for weeks, and the sun won’t rise above the horizon until February. This is the Far North. But around the top of the world are plants, animals and people who have developed remarkable ways of adapting.

**Kumak’s Fish**  
**PI 813.6: BAN**  
*Michael Bania*  
Kumak borrowed a lucky fishing pole – Uncle Aglu’s “amazing hooking stick.

**Kumak’s House**  
**PI 813.6:BAN**  
*Michael Bania*  
*Kumak’s House* is a folktale that conveys a humorous lesson on life.

**L’art et la culture des autochtones du Canada: Les Inuits**  
**PI 971.9: WEI**  
*Weigl/Erinn Banting*  
La serie explique le style de la vie traditionnel du groupe.

**Legend of the fog, The**  
*By Qaunaq Mikkigak*  
**PI 813.6: MIK**  
A hunter takes a spring walk on the tundra and meets a fearsome tuurngaq.

**Little Polar Bear**  
**PI 813.54 deB**  
*By Hans de Beer*  
While hunting with his father, a young polar bear drifts out to sea and ends up in a jungle where a friendly hippopotamus helps him return home.

**Little Polar Bear and the Husky Pup**  
**PI 813.54 deB**  
*By Hans de Beer*  
Lars, the little polar bear, rescues a stranded husky puppy and helps him find food and his mother.

**Living in the Arctic**  
**PI 971.9 FOW**  
*By Allan Fowler*  
This colourful, fact-filled book brings young readers on an exciting field trip to the Arctic. It describes the region’s land, vegetation, people, and wildlife.

**Mama, Do You Love Me?**  
**PI 813.54 JOO**  
*By Barbara M. Joosse*  
“Mama, do you love me?”  
“Yes I do, Dear One”. “I’ll love you till the stars turn to fish in the sky, and the puffin
howls at the moon”. A mother explains her infinite love to her child.

**Northern Lights : The Soccer Trails**  
**PI 813.54 KUS**  
*By Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak*  
Their scientific name is Aurora Borealis. We call them *Aqsalijaat*, the trail of those playing soccer. On Baffin Island, they are known simply as Aqsarniit “Soccer Trails”.

**Qanuk Pinngurnirmata**  
*By Rachel Qitsualik*  
**PI 398.2 QIT**  
Inuit stories of how things came to be.

**Ochechak: The Caribou Hunter – Indians of the Subarctic**  
**PI 971.9 CAS**  
*By James Cass*  
The land, the people, and the life of the Indians of the Subarctic.

**Orphan & the Polar Bear, The**  
**PI 813.6:QAU**  
*By Sakiasi Qaunaq*  
A traditional Inuit story about a boy and the polar bears.

**Out on the Ice in the Middle of the Bay**  
**PI 813.54 CUM**  
*By Peter Cumming*  
This is a story about the sun, which was going down, the moon, which was coming up, an iceberg, which was frozen out on the ice in the middle of the bay, a mother, who went visiting, a father, who was tired, a polar bear cub, who was curious, a polar bear mother, who was sleepy, and Leah, a very little girl who went outside to discover the world.

**Secret of the Seal, The**  
**PI 813.54 DAV**  
*By Deborah Davis*  
Young Kyo leads an isolated life in a small Inuit village. His good friend is a seal named Tooky. Kyo’s Uncle George comes to visit, seeking a seal for a city zoo. Kyo keeps a secret from his Uncle to protect his friendship with Tooky. How will Kyo’s secret backfire on him, Will Tooky be taken to the city zoo?

**Shaman’s Nephew, The: A Life in the Far North**  
**PI 971.9 TOO**  
*By Simon Tookoome with Sheldon Oberman*  
Jewish storyteller/author Sheldon Oberman collaborates with Simon Tookoome to create this remarkable story that will magically transport readers to a cold climate that warms and grows more familiar with every turn of the page.

**Snow Bear**  
**PI 813.54 GEO**  
*By Jean Craighead George*  
When Bessie decides to explore a frozen ice ship one morning, she finds a new playmate – a baby polar bear. Snow Bear and Bessie are instant friends, but Bessie’s brother and Snow Bear’s mother are worried. The grown-ups wait and watch and the little ones play until something happens that will break up the happy pair.

**Stolen Sun, The: a story of Native Alaska**  
**PI 398.2 HAL**  
*By Amanda Hall*  
When Raven first created people and animals to fill the world beneath his great tent of sky, a song burst forth and brought everything to life. As time passed, Raven’s song was drowned out by shouting and
violence as the people grew disconnected and greedy. Raven tore the sun out of the sky and hid it. Raven’s son Little Darkness brings light and Raven’s song back to the world.

Tales from the Tundra
PI 398.2 KAS
By Ibi Kaslik
A collection of Inuit stories.

Three Snow Bears, The
PI 813.54 BRE
By Jan Brett
The Goldilocks story takes a fine twist when an endearing snow bear family and a curious Inuit girl meet center stage in Jan Brett’s stunning paintings of a land where the Inuit and the animals share the amazing Arctic landscape.

Tiktala
PI 813.54 SHA
By Margaret Shaw-MacKinnon
Tiktala wants to be a soapstone carver, and is sent on a journey to be guided by her spirit. On her journey she is transformed and is introduced to a new way of life by the spirit.

Toughboy and Sister
PI 813.6 HIL
By Kirkpatrick Hill (Author of Winter Camp)
After their parents die, Toughboy and Sister find a home with Natasha, the oldest woman in their Alaskan village. When winter comes, she takes them out of school to her trapping camp, where they learn to live off the land as their ancestors did.

Wish Wind, The
PI 813.54 EYV
By Peter Eyvindson
Have you ever wished to be in another time, another place? Boy complains that he hates Winter and wishes it were Spring. Wish Wind grants him his wish and Boy is happy for a time, but soon he tires of Spring and wishes it were Summer. Against Wish Wind’s guidance, Boy is again granted his wish. Boy exclaims “If only I were older, then you would no longer tell me what to wish.” “I wish I were old.” The wish is granted. Old Man realizes the folly of Boy’s wishes and says sadly to Wish Wind, “I
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Wish only that Boy be given the patience to enjoy the time that is now,” and the gentle Wish Wind grants one last wish.

**Yuit**

**PI 813.54 EDM**

*By Yvette Edmonds*

Liak, a young girl, adopts a very intelligent orphaned seal pup and calls her Yuit. Liak doesn’t know that her simple act of kindness will change her life completely.

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**CD ROM**

**Land of the Inuit**

*Dr. David Morrison of the Canadian Museum of Civilization*

An exploration of the Arctic.

**Inuit History and Culture**

Explore the rooftop of the world Arctic games.

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**DVD**

**People of the Tundra “The Inuit”**

*Grades 3 and up - 15 minutes*

This program examines in beautiful detail, the story of the Inuit. It studies their lifestyle, society, methods of transportation, shelter, food, tools, clothing, and art.

**The Lonely Inukshuk**

*Written by the students of Inuglak School: Scholastic*

An Inukshuk all alone on a hill is very sad until he learns how very important and special he is to the community.

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**VIDEO VHS**

**Between Two Worlds**  58 mins.

*National Film Board of Canada*

Joseph Idlout could never have imagined the changes that would overwhelm his North. But he was one of the first casualties.

**Broken Promises – the High Arctic Relocation**  52 mins.

*National Film Board of Canada*

In the summer of 1953, the Canadian government relocated seven Inuit families from Northern Quebec to the High Arctic.
Toonik Time: An Inuit Spring Festival  12 mins.
National Film Board of Canada
Includes building an igloo, husky dogs, drum dances skinning a seal, and throat singing.