

Book Club 2021

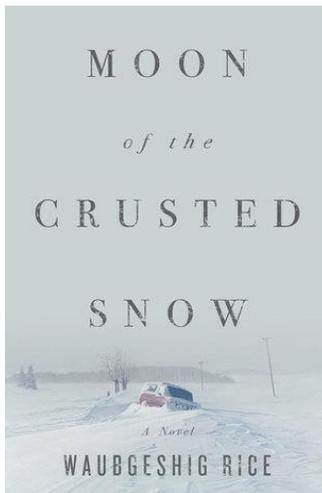
January Recommendation



In *Red Fox Road* by Frances Greenlade, Francie is left alone in the woods and needs to draw on her outdoor skills training in order to survive. She and her parents were going to the Grand Canyon when they took a shortcut that ended badly. Both parents eventually try to walk out to find help and leave Francie with the truck. But, what they think will be hours, turns into days alone in the forest with little food and water. Does she have what it takes to survive?

I loved the survival aspect of this story, but the ending left me with a need for resolution. Maybe there will be a sequel?

Indigenous Focus



Moon of the Crusted Snow by Waubgeshig Rice

What would you do if we suddenly lost our power, our cell service, and all forms of communication? How would you react? This is what happens at the start of winter in a northern Manitoba Anishinaabe community. They are cut off from the outside world and must learn to once again, live off the land. This they can do, if danger hadn't found its way into their community.

We rely so much on modern conveniences that this book makes us think about how we would live without them. I'd head for my parents as they grew up without all the things we take for granted. They will know how to survive. 😊

Orca Books



Hurricane Heat by Steven Barwin

Travis was 11, his sister 9 when their parents were killed in a car accident. They were sent to different foster homes and eventually his sister, Amanda, moved to California and they lost touch. Now, he is in California trying to find her with the only clue being a postcard from the Hermosa Beach Pier. With the help of his new friends, Ethan and Jessie, Travis will do everything he can to track her down.

While searching, he is invited to pitch on the Hermosa Hurricanes which brings back his dream of the Major Leagues that he had before his parents died. The character in this story shows resilience, determination, and a love for his sister that won't be broken.