**Book List:** Some of the books in this list are focused on tribal peoples who live/lived along the Lewis & Clark Trail. The books all have a focus on water somewhere within the pages. They are paired with the learning episode that are relevant to the stories, but all of the books can be interesting and educational for the children at any time during the course of teaching the Discovering Our Relationship With Water curriculum.

**Book 1: Water, Water Everywhere**

![Water, Water Everywhere](image)

Celebrating Earth’s most precious resource, this book introduces not only the many forms and almost-magical properties of water, but also the vital role that water plays in the life of our planet. In vivid words and stunning color photographs, the book explores how water moves from the earth’s surface to the air and back again; how pounding waves, rushing rivers, and slow-moving glaciers change the face of the earth; and why people of all nations must strive to conserve our planet’s water supply and keep it free of pollution.


**Book 2: As the Crow Flies: A First Book of Maps**

![As the Crow Flies](image)

Maps -- they help you get where you want to go. People use road maps to find their way. These maps show miles of highways that point out the right direction. But what about the crow? What kind of map does he use? Or the eagle, the rabbit, the horse, and the sea gull? What’s on their maps?


**Book 3: Shin-chi’s Canoe**

![Shin-chi’s Canoe](image)

When they arrive at school, Shi-shi-etko reminds Shinchi, her six-year-old brother, that they can only use their English names and that they can’t speak to each other. For Shinchi, life becomes an endless cycle of church mass, school, and work, punctuated by skimpy meals. He finds solace at the river, clutching a tiny cedar canoe, a gift from his father, and dreaming of the day when the salmon return to the river — a sign that it’s almost time to return home. This poignant story about a devastating chapter in First Nations history is told at a child’s level of understanding.


**Book 4: Morning on the Lake**

![Morning on the Lake](image)

In the first of three linked stories, a young Ojibwe boy and his grandfather set out in a birchbark canoe early one spring morning. Together, they discover the peaceful beauty of the lake. In the second story, the sun rises high in the summer sky as they climb a rocky cliff for a bird’s-eye view of the land. And, finally, as an autumn night descends, they venture into the woods. Under the patient and gentle guidance of his grandfather, the boy gradually comes to respect the ways of nature and to understand his own place in the world.

**Book 5: Skokomish Baskets and Canoes**

Baskets and Canoes is a story that details the materials that baskets and canoes were traditionally made out of by the Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest as well as their uses.


**Book 6: The Gift of the Bitterroot**

Video of a reading of this book: [http://vimeo.com/41321927](http://vimeo.com/41321927)

This book is the story of how the bitterroot plant came to the Salish and Pend d'Oreille people. It describes how the bitterroot plant came from the bitter tears of a mother who was crying for her starving family. The bitterroot plant returns each spring to the people, when it is greeted as a visitor, and blessed before being harvested.


**Book 7: Salmon Boy: A Legend of the Sechelt People**

Long, long ago, a boy lived in a village called Kalpilin, the winter home of the Sechelt Nation. The boy’s people lived in great longhouses along the seashore. It was a good place to live but the people often went hungry during the long winter months. In those days so long ago the salmon did not fill the creeks and rivers of Sechelt. One beautiful summer day, the boy decided to escape the heat by going for a swim in the sea beside kalpilin. As he swam out from the shore, a giant chum salmon seized him and pulled him down under the sea to the country of the salmon people.


**Book 8: The Story of Jumping Mouse**

The words of Magic Frog give courage to the young mouse on his long and perilous journey to reach the wonderful land of legend. He faces many obstacles on his quest and sacrifices much to help others in need. But the mouse’s compassion and faith in himself prove to be a source of great power...and bring him rewards even beyond his dreams.

**Book 9: Water Story**

This story is about the mystery of water – that wherever water goes, there is life. It tells about a boy who is taught to respect water by throwing food into the river for water animals to eat. It also tells how water changes through the four seasons.


**Book 10: Follow the Water From Brook to Ocean**

This book describes and explains how water flows from brooks, to streams, to rivers, over waterfalls, through canyons and dams, to eventually reach the ocean.


**Book 11: Shingebiss: An Ojibwe Legend**

Audio Story: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5jsboV2Cn8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5jsboV2Cn8)
Song: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2G4zSaSLv0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2G4zSaSLv0)

Gracefully told and illustrated with vigorous woodcuts, this ancient Ojibwe story captures all the power of winter and all the courage of a small being who refuses to see winter as his enemy. This sacred story shows that those who follow the ways of Shingebiss will always have plenty to eat, no matter how hard the great wind of Winter Maker blows.


**Book 12: The Snowflake: A Water Cycle Story**

Waldman traces the journey of a single drop of water throughout the year, with each month receiving its own spread. The water begins as a snowflake that melts into a droplet, flows into the ground, bubbles up in a spring, flows into a farm's irrigation system, evaporates into the morning fog, becomes part of a cloud, rains down, enters a plumbing system, washes a little girl's face, flows out to the ocean, gets swept onto the shore and evaporates into the sky to become a snowflake once more.

Book 13: Story of the Seasons


Book 14: The Cloud Book

Introduces the ten most common types of clouds, the myths that have been inspired by their shapes, and what they can tell about coming weather changes.


Book 15: Bull Trout’s Gift: A Salish Story about the Value of Reciprocity

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are located on the Flathead Reservation in Montana. They have undertaken a large-scale watershed restoration project in an effort to benefit bull trout in the Jocko River drainage. An important component of this project is education and outreach, of which the centerpiece is a multimedia set of educational materials describing the ecology and importance of bull trout and their relationship with the Salish and Pend d’Oreille people.


Book 16: Did a Dinosaur Drink This Water?

The author explains the complete water cycle and also discusses ocean currents, ocean and lake habitats, and hydroelectricity. He also touches on water pollution and our responsibility to keep our water clean.

**Book 17: Native American Sign Language**

Beautifully illustrated in full-color by a Native American artist, this unique book teaches children the hand signals that Native tribes who did not share a common language used to communicate with each other. Fascinating information includes how to ask a question, how to express past, present and future, and how each signal related to the daily life. Children can communicate with each other using the 100 hand signals taught here.


**Book 18: The Rainbow Fish**

Shining from Rainbow Fish's multicolored body are several shimmering silver scales. All the other fish in the ocean admire him and want to play, but Rainbow Fish is too proud to play with them; nor will he share his sparkling scales. Alone and friendless, Rainbow Fish soon learns that generosity is far more rewarding than vanity. Pfister makes novel use of rainbow-colored foil to create Rainbow Fish's scales.

Recording of reading: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9mryuEKkKc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9mryuEKkKc)