

Inuit Book List

Children's Literature List

[Mama, Do You Love Me?](#) by Barbara Josse. A dialog between mother and daughter that describes the love a parent has for a child. The conversation could take place between a mother and daughter in any country. The beautiful illustrations depict Inuit culture. Ages 2+

[Kumak's Fish](#) by Michael Bania. A tall tale about a man Kumak and his family who go ice fishing, with a hilarious ending. See also *Kumak's House* by Michael Bania. Ages 3

[The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale](#) by Lydia Dabcovich. An Inuit folktale about an old woman who takes in an orphan polar bear. The polar bear provides meat and fish for the women. When men in the village decide to kill the polar bear, the woman must send the polar bear away. Ages 3+

[Whale Snow](#) by Annie Patterson. The story of a successful whaling trip told from the point of view of a six-year-old Inupiaq boy named Amiqqaq. When Amiqqaq's father, a whaling captain, returns home and announces that a whale has given itself to their village, Amiqqaq asks to go with his father to help prepare the whale and celebrate. Amiqqaq learns about the customs and spiritual significance of whaling to the Inupiat people. Ages 4+

[Building an Igloo](#) by Ulli Steltzer. A fascinating book about an Inuit father and son building an igloo. *Building an Igloo* explains that while the Inuit no longer live in igloos, the father and son in this book build igloos when they go hunting. Ages 4+

[Ookpik](#) by Bruce Hiscock. The story of a snowy owl's first year. The snowy owl travels from Northern Canada to the United States in the fall and returns to Northern Canada in the spring. *Ookpik* describes the topography of the Arctic tundra and the transitions from Arctic tundra to taiga to the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York, United States, that the snowy owl observes during his flight. Ages 4+

[Arctic Son](#) by Jean Craighead George and Wendell Minor. Written by the author of *My Side of the Mountain*, *Arctic Son* describes the adventures of a young boy growing up in an Inupiat village. Jean Craighead George has written another story of Arctic life entitled *Snow Bear*. Ages 4+

[North Pole, South Pole](#) by Nancy Smiler Levinson and Diane Dawson Hearn. An excellent non-fiction book about the North and South Poles that provides kids with a clear introduction to the Arctic's climate, seasons, animals, plants, and people. Ages 4+

Adult Literature List

Alootook, Ipellie and D. MacDonald 2007 *The Inuit Thought of it: Amazing Arctic Innovations*. Annick Press, Toronto.

Awa, Simon, Anna Ziegler, & Stephanie McDonald, Leah Otak and Romi Caron 2010 *Uumajut/Learn About Arctic Wildlife*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Awa, Simon, Seeglook Akeeagok, Anna Ziegler, Stephanie McDonald, Leah Otak and Romi Caron 2011 *Uumajut/ Learn More About Arctic Wildlife! Vol. II*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Central Coast of Labrador Archaeology Partnership 2010 *Angutiup ânguanga / Anguti's Amulet*. Illustrated by Cynthia Colosimo and translated by Sophie Tuglavina. Pennywell Books, Flanker Press, St. John's.

Christopher, Neil 2011 *Unikkaaqtuat/An Introduction to Inuit Myths and Legends*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Christopher, Neil & Louise Flaherty 2011 *Kappianaqtut/Strange Creatures and Fantastic Beings from Inuit Myths and Legends*, Vol. I, 2nd. edition. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Christopher, Neil & Louise Flaherty 2009 *Stories of the Amautalik/Fantastic Beings from Inuit Myths and Legends*. Illustrated by Larry McDougall. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Christopher, Neil and Mike Austin 2010 *Alianaqtut/A Compendium of Arctic Giants, Dwarves, Trolls, and Other Strange Beings from Inuit Myths and Legends*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit

Kalluak, M. 2010 *Unipkaaqtuat Arvianit/Traditional Inuit Stories from Arviat, Volume 2*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Kalluak, M. 2009 *Unipkaaqtuat Arvianit/Traditional Inuit stories from Arviat*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Kaslik, Ibi and Anthony Brennan 2010 *Tales from the Tundra: A Collection of Inuit Stories*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

MacDonald, Martha, C. Colosimo, D.H. Clement, A.N. Rich, J. Lampes & S. Townley 2010 *The Polar Bear in the Rock: Two Windows on the World/ Nanuk ujugammi : unikkausikkut kaujimajunullu kaujisautinga*. Labrador Institute, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL.

Mikkigak, Qaunaq & Joanne Schwartz 2011 *The Legend of the Fog*. Illustrated by Danny Christopher. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Nappaaluk, Mitjarjuk. *Sanaaq: An Inuit Novel*. University of Manitoba Press, 2014.

Peacock, Frederick William 1981 *Labrador Inuit lore and legend*. Jespersen Publishing, St. John's.

Qitsualik, Rachel A. & Sean A. Tinsley 2008 *Qanuq Pinngurnirmata/Inuit Stories of How Things Came to Be*. Inhabit Media, Iqaluit.

Tinsley, Sean A. and Rachel A. Qitsualik 2011. *Ajjiit/Dark Dreams of the Ancient Arctic*. Illustrated by Andrew Trabbold.