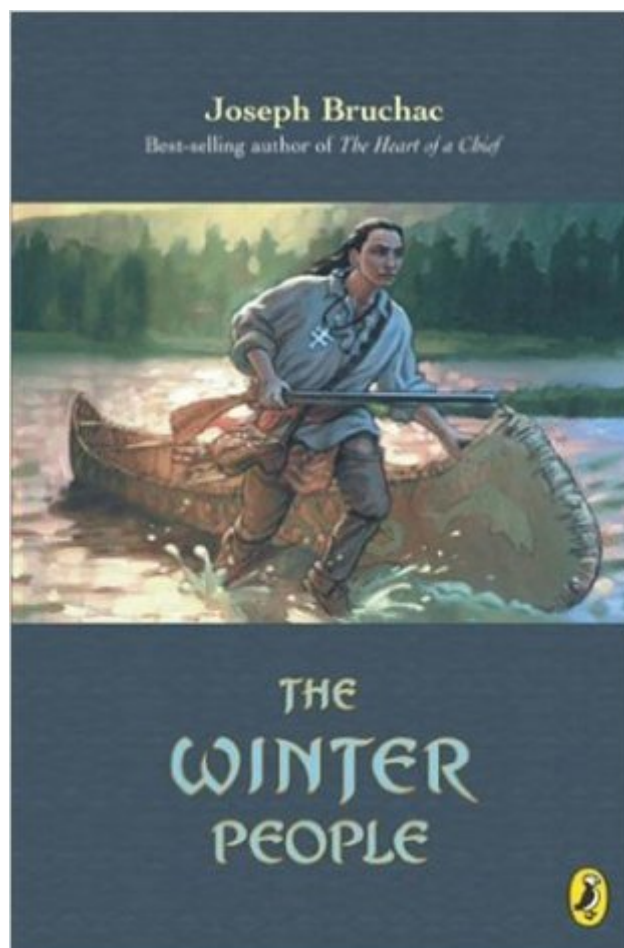


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The Winter People



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"Full of history, danger, courage and raw survival, this compelling novel by acclaimed author Joseph Bruchac is certain to have readers on the edge of their seat, start to finish." —The Dallas Morning News
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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

I read this book to my fourth graders as part of our home school. I definitely not something they could read themselves, but they easily understood it being read to them. I used this book as part of our transition from our Native American Focus during the colonial period/French and Indian War to a

focus on colonists becoming an independent nation during the Revolutionary period. The book takes place during the early stages of the French and Indian War in an Abenaki village that has seen a conversion to Catholicism and significant cultural influence by the French. This war marks a major shift with American colonists focus from relations with the Native Americans to being independent from Britain. The book touches on those shifting mindsets as compared to the early years of European settlement in New England. It also gives you an amazing glimpse into the thoughts of the French and their interactions with the Native Americans. It gives you a peek inside the thoughts of how the Native Americans' lives were affected by the French and the English: A peek into a changing world and a people who are living through a huge cultural shift. I love the way in which Joseph Bruchac seems to carefully blend history with emotions of the people who lived through that history. We have read several other books by Joseph Bruchac: Not all of them have been great, but all have been very informative. This particular book seemed to enrapture emotion from my two fourth grade girls. They were tense with anxiety during times of danger, they were near tears during times of loss, they were full of smiles in times of victory. I do feel that this book generally appeals to boys more than girls.

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