



# Native Youth

# Reading Challenge

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**“One voice, one story, one book, one child,  
one grown-up at a time. Always  
believe in yourself, ALWAYS when others  
don’t. That has been the one constant in my  
life since I was a child - people putting down  
my dreams and telling me it would never  
happen. But it does, Oh,... it DOES!**

**I wrote this book (“We Are Water Protector”)  
inspired by Standing Rock - because I felt  
helpless that I couldn’t be there to stand  
with my relatives. I hoped maybe one person  
would read it and maybe it would resonate  
with them. NEVER did I expect the whirlwind  
that came after.”**

**-Carole Lindstrom**





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- Get started on your Beanstack account at: [nyc.beanstack.com](https://nyc.beanstack.com)
- Earn and enter points every time you read books, listen to stories, participate in suggested events.
- Get your Reading Log at your school or local library!



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