Lands of our Ancestors - Three Book Series

Novels that Bring California History Alive for Young Readers

Children and adults alike are raving about the historical novel series Lands of our Ancestors. This unique work brings California history alive for young readers and provides a Native American historical point of view in an engaging way.

Book One introduces the main characters, a twelve-year-old Chumash boy named Kilik and his eleven-year-old cousin, Tuhuy. Through their eyes we experience the challenges and brutalities of the Spanish Mission Period.

Book Two continues the saga as the characters grow up and have children of their own who face more challenges in the Mexican Rancho Era.

Book Three follows the family into the Gold Rush and early years of California statehood, a period that proves to be the most devastating and destructive era ever faced by California’s indigenous peoples.

These books, along with three available Teacher Guides, comply with fourth grade history-social science standards, but also excite students about learning state history through believable and compelling characters and story.

Book One addresses a difficult and important subject in an engaging and readable children’s historical novel... I loved reading this and was drawn in by the immediacy of the twelve year old main character... -Carey McKinnon, Solvang Library

While studying these books, many students couldn’t wait for the next day’s class to find out what happens to Kilik, Tuhuy and the others. -Cindra Weber, San Bernardino Schools

Robinson’s engaging novel offers an alternative viewpoint for fourth graders. -Santa Barbara Independent

(Book One was reviewed and endorsed by the Santa Ynez Chumash Elders Committee and the Director of the Culture Department.)

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