The Best Children’s Books in Print about

THE INDIANS OF GEORGIA

for students in grades K-8:

Cherokee,

Creek (also called Muscogee; sometimes called the Creek Confederacy), and

Mound Builders (prehistoric people, also called Mississippian)

In the World Book, Britannica, and Americana encyclopedias, Indians of Georgia

are listed as Cherokee, Creek, & Mound Builders.

Prices as of August, 2004

Encyclopedias and dictionaries of American native peoples:

* The *Encyclopedia of Native America*, by Trudy Griffin-Pierce (Grades 4-8) Viking Penguin
  Publisher Group $27.99 [The section on “The Southeast” has material on Cherokees and Creeks, but not Mound Builders.]

  970.1 Native Americans—Dictionaries

* Encyclopedia of Native American tribes, edited by Carl Waldman (Grades 6 & up)
  Facts on File $45.00, lib. bd. $71.50, pa. $19.95 [Describes 150 groups including Cherokee, Creek, “Mound Builders,” and other “Prehistoric Indians.”]

  970.1 Native Americans—Dictionaries

* Encyclopedia of Native American tribes of North America, by Michael Johnson (Grades 7 & up)
  Book Sales Inc. $19.99; Gale Group $150.00 [“Southeastern woodlands,” pages 58-74, includes tribes and sub-tribes such as Muskogean, Muskogee (Creeks), & Hitchiti (Lower Creeks); page 262 lists the 7 Indian museums in Georgia; page 284 lists web sites.]

  970.1 Native Americans—Dictionaries

* Encyclopedia of North American Indians, edited by Frederick E. Hoxie (Grades 6 & up)
  Diane Pub. $40.00, Houghton $45 [Includes Cherokee, Creek, and Mound Builders.]

  970.1 Native Americans—Dictionaries

* From Abenaki to Zuni: a dictionary of Native American tribes, by Evelyn Wolfson (Grades 5 & up)
  Walker pa. $12.95; Minneapolis: Sagebrush Education Resources $22.20 [Describes Cherokee, Creek, etc., but not Mound Builders.]

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Other books for students K-8 (by grade level)

* The First strawberries: a Cherokee story, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades K-4)
  Penguin Group $17.99, pa. $6.99; Turtleback Bks $13.14; Sagebrush Education Resources $15.30

  398.2 Cherokee Indians—Legends

* The Great ball game: a Muskogee story, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades K-4)
  Penguin Group $15.99 [Who will win the contest — the animals or the birds??]

  398.2 Creek Indians—Legends

* How Chipmunk got his stripes: a tale of bragging and teasing, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades K-6)

  398.2 Native Americans—Legends

* How Rabbit tricked Otter: and other Cherokee trickster stories, by Gayle Ross (Grades K-5)
  (Parabola storytime series)

  398.2 Cherokee Indians—Legends

* Thirteen moons on Turtle’s back: Native American year of the moons, by Joseph Bruchac & Jonathan London (Grades K-6)
  Penguin Group $16.99, pa. $6.99; Sagebrush Education Resources $15.30

  811.54 Native Americans—Poetry

* Yonder mountain: a Cherokee legend, by Robert H. Bushyhead & Kay Thorpe Bannon (Grades K-4)
  Marshall Cavendish $16.95

  398.2 Cherokee Indians—Legends
Grade 2 & up reading level

Between earth and sky: legends of Native American sacred places, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades 2-6) Harcourt $7.00; Sagebrush Education Resources $15.30 [One Cherokee legend with 10 other legends — themes are respect for and protection of our world.]

Children of Native America today, by Yvonne W. Dennis & Arlene Hirschfelder (Grades 2-6) Charlesbridge school & lib. bd. $19.95 [Cherokee, pages 26-27] 970.1 Native Americans

The Creek nation, by Allison Lassieur (Native peoples series) (Grades 2-4) Capstone Press school ed. $13.95 [A colorful introduction to Creek history and the Creek people nowadays] 970.3 Creek Indians

How Rabbit lost his tail: a traditional Cherokee legend, by Deborah L. Duvall; illustrated by Cherokee artist Murv Jacob (Grades 2-4) Univ. of New Mexico Pr. $14.95 398.2 Cherokee Indians—Legends

Grandmother Five Baskets, by Lisa Larrabee (Grades 2-7) Sagebrush Education Resources $18.75 Creek Indians—Fiction

Pushing up the sky: seven Native American plays for children, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades 2-6) Penguin Group $18.99 [One of the plays is Cherokee, "Possum’s tail"] 812.54 Native Americans—Juvenile literature

Seasons of the circle: a Native American year, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades 2-8) Troll Communications $5.95 [Customs of Cherokee & 11 other tribes] 970.1 Native Americans—Social life & customs Months Seasons

Southeast Indians, by Mir Tamim Ansary (Native American series) (grades 2-4) Heinemann, libr. & school ed. $14.95 [A colorful introduction] 970.4975 Native Americans—Southern States

Grade 4 & up reading level

The Cherokee, by Cathryn J. Long (Indigenous peoples of North America) (Grades 4-12) Gale Group school ed. $21.96 [Emphasis on the present day as well as history] 970.3 Cherokee Indians

Cherokee Indians, by Bill Lund (Native peoples) (Grades 4-6) Capstone Press lib. bd. $18.60 970.3 Cherokee Indians

The Cherokees, by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (A first Americans book) (Grades 4 & up) Holiday House $17.95 970.3 Cherokee Indians

The Circle of thanks, by Joseph Bruchac; illustrated by Murv Jacob (Grades 4-8) Troll Communications $15.95 [Fourteen poems of thanks & appreciation of nature; one is Cherokee.] 811.54 Native Americans—Poetry

The Creek: farmers of the Southeast, by Tracey Boraas (Grades 4-8) Capstone Press school ed. $16.95 [Creek people, also called Muscogee or Creek Confederacy, are descendants of the Mississippian, who built burial and temple mounds.] 970.3 Creek Indians

The Creek Indians, by Ellen Scordato (Junior library of American Indians) (Grades 4-8) Chelsea House $19.75 970.3 Creek Indians

Dancing Drum: a Cherokee legend, by Terri Cohlene (Native American legends) (Grades 4 & up) Turtleback Books $11.10; Rourke Pub. Lib. bd. $27.93; Troll Comm. $4.95 398.2 Cherokee Indians—Legends

Flying with the eagle, racing the great bear: stories from Native North America, by Joseph Bruchac (Grades 4 & up) Troll Comm. $5.95, $13.95; Turtleback Bks. $12.00 [Includes one Cherokee & one Creek legend; see also "The Southeast," pages 29-31.] 398.2 Native Americans—Legends

Keepers of the animals: Native American stories and wildlife activities for children, by Michael J. Caduto & Joseph Bruchac (Grades 4-8) Fulcrum $19.95 [23 legends (one Cherokee), each with a discussion guide and suggested activities for children, some outdoor & some indoor (like puppet plays) (See also Bruchac’s Native American animal stories)] 398.2 Native Americans—Legends

Keepers of the earth: Native American stories and environmental activities for children, by Michael J. Caduto & Joseph Bruchac (Grades 4-6) Fulcrum $9.95, $19.95 [Includes one Creek & two Cherokee legends] 398.2 Native Americans—Legends Nature crafts
Grade 4 & up reading level continued Including Dewey classification numbers; also subject headings

Mounds of earth & shell, by Bonnie Shemie (Native sites series: the Southeast) (Grades 4 & up)
Tundra Books of Northern N.Y. $6.95; Turtleback Bks $13.10; Sagebrush Education Resources $15.25
970.4975 Mound Builders

Native American animal stories, told by Joseph Bruchac (Grades 4-8) [from Keepers of the animals,
by M. Caduto & J. Bruchac]. Sagebrush Education resources $22.20 398.2 Native Americans—Legends.

Native Americans of the Southeast, by Christina M. Girod (Indigenous peoples of North America)
(Grades 4 & up) [Describes Cherokee & Creek, but not Mound Builders; includes Web sites]
Gale Group School ed. $21.96 970.4975 Native Americans—Southern States

Only the names remain: the Cherokees and the Trail of Tears, by Alex W. Bealer (Grades 4 & up)
Turtleback Books $12.00; Sagebrush Education Res. $14.10 [History of the Cherokee people, their leaders, etc.]
970.3 Cherokee Indians Native Americans—Southern States Trail of Tears, 1838

Sequoyah, inventor of the Cherokee alphabet, by Jane Shumate (Grades 4 & up)
(North American Indians of achievement) Chelsea House $19.95 [Sequoyah's boyhood, youth, and life—
his skills and his achievement] 92—Sequoyah, 1770-1843 Cherokee Indians—Biography

Sequoyah's gift: a portrait of the Cherokee leader, by Janet Klausner (Grades 4 & up)
HarperCollins $15.00, libr.bd. $16.89 92—Sequoyah, 1770-1843 Cherokee Indians—Biography

Trail of Tears, by Joseph Bruchac (Step into reading) (Grades 4-8) Random House $3.99, $11.99;
Turtleback Bks $10.14; Sagebrush Education Res. $11.80 970.3 Cherokee Indians—History Trail of Tears, 1838

The Trail of Tears, by R. Conrad Stein, 1937- (Cornerstones of freedom) (Grades 4 & up)
Sagebrush Education Resources $14.10; Scholastic $21.00 970.3 Cherokee Indians Trail of Tears, 1838

The Trail on which they wept: the story of a Cherokee girl, by Dorothy Hoobler & Thomas Hoobler
(Grades 4 & up) Silver Burdett pa. $3.95, libr.bd. $9.95 Cherokee Indians—Fiction Trail of Tears, 1838—Fiction

Grade 6 & up reading level Including Dewey classification numbers; also subject headings

Artists and craftspeople, by Arlene Hirschfelder (American Indian lives) (Grades 6-8) Facts on File
$25.00 [Pages 82-88 tell of a Cherokee craftsperon & Cherokee history.] 970.1 Native Americans

Before the storm: American Indians before the Europeans, by Allison Lassieur (Grades 6 & up)
.Library of American Indian history Facts on File $25.00
["Mysteries of the mounds: people of the Southeast," pages 40-61] 970.1 Native Americans

The Cherokee, by Raymond Bial (Lifeways) (Grades 6 & up)
Marshall Cavendish lib.bd. $32.79 970.3 Cherokee Indians

The Girl who married the Moon: tales from Native North America, by Joseph Bruchac (Abenaki)
and Gayle Ross (Cherokee); illustrated by S.S. Burrus (Cherokee). (Grades 6 & up)
Troll Communications $5.95, $13.95; Sagebrush Education Resources $16.05
[Legends about women, including one Cherokee & one Creek] 398.2 Native American women—Folklore

Indian America: a geography of North American Indians, by Marian Wallace Ney (Grades 6 & up)
Cherokee Publications, Cherokee, NC 28719 pa. $5.95 [As much maps as text; the maps show the location of the tribes & confederacies; one map of Alabama-Georgia-South Carolina, page 45] 970.1 Native Americans

Indians of the Southeast, by Richard E. Mancini (The first Americans) (Grades 6 & up)
Facts on File $26.35 [Mound-builders, p. 9-13, 22-23; also see Index for "Cherokee people" and
"Creek Confederacy."] 970.4975 Native Americans—Southern States

The Journal of Jesse Smoke, a Cherokee boy, by Joseph Bruchac (My name is America) (Grades 6-8)
Scholastic $10.95 [16-year-old Jesse's diary] Cherokee Indians—Fiction Trail of Tears, 1838—Fiction

Mastodon hunters to Mound Builders: North American archaeology, by Peter Nichols & Belia
Nichols (Grades 6 & up) Eakin Publications $13.95 970.1 Mound Builders Native Americans—Antiquities
Grade 6 & up reading level continued

Native American stories, by Michael J. Caduto & Joseph Bruchac (Grades 6-8)
Turtleback Books $19.00; Fulcrum pa. $12.95; Minneapolis: Sagebrush Education Resources $22.20
[Includes one Creek & 2 Cherokee legends] 398.2 Native Americans—Legends

The New York Public Library Amazing Native American history: a book of answers
for kids, by Liz Sonneborn (Grades 6 & up) Wiley $12.95; Sagebrush Education Resources $22.20
[Mound Builders, pages 12-16; “Indians of the Southeast,” pages 51-64] 970.1 Native Americans

Ocmulgee National Monument, Georgia, by G. D. Pope (Grades 6 & up) National Park Service,
U.S. GPO $7.00 917.58 Native Americans—Antiquities
Native Americans—North America—Georgia Mound Builders

Will Rogers, cowboy philosopher, by Mary Malone (People to know) (Grades 6-12) Springfield NJ:
Enslow Publishers school ed. $18.85 92—Rogers, Will, 1879-1935 Cherokee Indians—Biography

Grade 8 & up reading level

A to Z of Native American women, by Liz (Elizabeth) Sonneborn. [Details on Nancy Ward and six
other Cherokee women; and on Mary Musgrove and two other Creek women] Facts on File $44.00
970.1 American Indian women

Atlas of the North American Indian, by Carl Waldman Facts on File $18.95, $21.95, $35.00
[Mound Builders, pages 19-21; Southeast culture area, pages 32-33; lots of maps (Georgia, etc.); also see
index for Cherokee(s), Creek(s), Mounds, Paleo-Indians.] 970.1 Native Americans

Cherokee legends & The Trail of Tears, by Thomas Bryan (Tom) Underwood & John Burnett
(adapted from the 19th Annual report of the Bureau of Ethnology)
Cherokee Publications, Cherokee, NC 28719 pa. $4.00; Sagebrush Education Resources $12.95
970.3 Cherokee Indians—Legends Native Americans—Southern States Trail of Tears, 1838

Cherokee Nation v. Georgia: Native American rights, by Victoria Sherrow
(Landmark Supreme Court cases) Springfield, NJ: Enslow Publications $20.95, school price $18.85
970.5 Native Americans—Legal status, laws, etc. Cherokee Indians

The Cherokee people: the story of the Cherokee from earliest origins to contemporary times,
by Thomas E. Mails Avalon Pub. $29.95; Council Oak Bks. $49.95 970.3 Cherokee Indians

Creek Indian history, by George Stiggins, 1788-1845, “One of the Tribe”;
edited by Virginia Brown (of the Birmingham [Alabama] Public Library )
Univ. of Alabama Pr. $34.95 Birmingham [Alabama] Public Library $24.95 970.3 Creek Indians

The Earth shall weep: a history of Native America, by James Wilson Grove/Atlantic pa. $16.00
[Southeast, pages 132-172; See also in index: Cherokee, Creek.] 970.1 Native Americans—History

Footsteps of the Cherokees: a guide to the eastern homelands of the Cherokee nation, by Vicki
Rozema Winston-Salem, NC: John F. Blair $17.95 [Self-guided tours of modern-day Cherokee sites] 917.5
Cherokee Indians—Southern States Southern States—Description & travel

The Georgia gold rush: Twenty-Niners, Cherokees, and gold fever, by David Williams.
[How the 1829 gold rush led to the expulsion of the Cherokee from Georgia] Univ. of South Carolina $18.95
975.8 Georgia—History Cherokee Indians—History

Indian mounds of the Atlantic Coast: a guide to sites from Maine to Florida, by Jerry N.
McDonald & Susan L. Woodward (Guides to the American landscape)
Granville, OH: McDonald & Woodward $14.95 [See index for Georgia, Etowah, Ocmulgee, etc.] 917.3
Native Americans—Antiquities Mound Builders Mounds—Atlantic States

Native American almanac: a portrait of Native America today, by Arlene Hirschfelder &
Martha K. de Montafio. Wiley $14.95 [Lots of maps; “Southeast culture area,” pages 35-37;
Georgia, pages 44-45 & 251-252; see index for: Cherokee, Creek, & Mound Builders.] 970.1 Native Americans
Grade 8 & up reading level continued Including Dewey classification numbers; also subject headings

Native lands: Indians and Georgia, by Sarah H. Hill and Sue Evans Vrooma.
Atlanta Historical Society, 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta 30305 $15.00
(Phone: Museum Shop 404-814-4075)
970.49758 Native Americans—North America—Georgia
(Reviewed in the Spring 2003 issue of Georgia Library Quarterly, pages 38-39)

Native tribes of the Southeast, by Michael Johnson (Native tribes of North America series) Gareth Stevens
Inc., libbr.d. $31.93; World Almanac Library school ed. $23.95 970.4975 Native Americans—Southern States

Night of the cruel moon: Cherokee removal and the Trail of Tears, by Stanley Hoig (Library of
American history) Sagebrush Education Resources $18.75; Facts on File school ed. $22.50 [Uses original sources —
“Best books for young teen readers”] 970.4975 Native Americans—Southern States Trail of Tears, 1838

Trails of tears: American Indians driven from their lands, by Jeanne Williams,
Hendrick-Long $19.95 [Forced removal of the Cherokee and 4 other Indian tribes; includes material
on the culture of each tribe.] 970.1 Native Americans

VIDEOS: VHS & DVD Video & audio entries include Dewey classification numbers; also subject headings
(In order by grade level)

VHS $29.95 970.1 Native Americans

Grades 3-6: (The Cherokee elementary level history series) Chief Productions/Library Video Co.
VHS $39.95 each ($159.80 set of 4) 970.1 Native Americans
1) Native American lifestyles 30 min.
2) The Cherokee Trail of Tears (1825-50) 30 min. 970.3 Cherokee Indians
3) Cherokee and the Civil War (1850-65) 30 min. 970.3 Cherokee Indians
4) A New dawn for the Cherokees (1865-1900) 30 min. 970.3 Cherokee Indians

Grades 3-8: People of the forest (Native Americans for children series) 25 min. Library Video Co.
VHS $49.95 [Southeastern & Northeastern areas] 970.1 Native Americans

Grades 5 & up: (Indians of North America video collection) Schlessinger Media/Library Video Co.
VHS $39.95 each 970.1 Native Americans
A History of Native Americans 30 min. [1995 Telly Award] 970.3 Cherokee Indians
Cherokee 30 min. 970.3 Cherokee Indians
Creek 30 min. 970.3 Creek Indians

Grades 7 & up: Tribes of the Southeast (Native Americans series) 60 min. Turner Home
Entertainment/Library Video Co. VHS $9.95
[Cherokee, Muscogee-Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, & Seminole: “The children of the
Mound Builders”] 970.4975 Native Americans—Southern States

AUDIOCASSETTES

Grades K-6 Thirteen moons on Turtle’s back: Native American year of the moons, by
based on legends of the Cherokee & other tribes] 811.54 Native Americans—Poetry

Grades 4 & up How Rabbit tricked Otter & other Cherokee animal stories, by Gayle Ross
[audiocassette] Harper $11.95; Parabola $11.95 398.2 Cherokee Indians—Legends

WEB SITES (These are a few examples, in order by grade level; consult your media specialist or librarian for other examples.)

Grades 4 & up: History Channel www.historychannel.com In the “Search” box, try groups of
words such as: “indians georgia” or “native americans southeast”
WEB SITES, continued

Grades 5 & up: Hanksville www.hanksville.org/NAroutes Click on “history” . . . scroll down to
“Southeast, including Caribbean.” There, click on such topics as “The pre-historic Native American of northwest
Georgia,” which brings you to the next screen, “The pre-historic Moundbuilders.” Continue with related topics.

Grades 6 & up: Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian nmai.si.edu
Grades 6 & up: Southeastern Native American documents in GALILEO’s public databases
Grade 8 & up: Official Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma www.cherokee.org
Eastern Band of the Cherokee www.cherokee-nc.org

BACKGROUND READING FOR TEACHERS, MEDIA SPECIALISTS, PARENTS, & OTHER ADULTS

Bartram, William, 1739-1823. The Travels of William Bartram [through the Carolinas, Georgia, etc.]
University of Georgia Press  $24.95; Classic Textbooks $34.00; Gibbs Smith $14.95; Dover pa. $8.95  970.4975

. . . also other books by William Bartram, including William Bartram on the Southeastern Indians, University
of Nebraska Press $25.00; and other books, such as: The Southern Indians, by R. S. Cotterill, Univ. of Oklahoma Press
$29.95, pa. $13.95; Archaeology of the funeral mound, Ocmulgee National Monument, Georgia, by
Charles H. Fairbanks, Univ. of Alabama Press $47.50, pa. $19.95; Antiquities of the Southern Indians,
particularly of the Georgia tribes, by Charles C. Jones, Jr., University of Alabama Press $34.95

An important book is: Indian tribes of North America, by John Reed Swanton, 1873-1958 [The
section on Georgia, pages 104-120, gives details on the 19 Indian tribes ever to have lived in Georgia, including not only the
well-known tribes but also the lesser-known and extinct groups such as the Apalachee, who lived near the Apalachee River;
and the Ocmulgee, who lived near Macon.] (1st published by Smithsonian Institution) Classic Textbooks $28.00

. . . also other books by Swanton, including Creek religion and medicine, University of Nebraska Press pa.
$39.95; The Indians of the Southeastern United States, Smithsonian Institution pa. $35; Classic Textbooks pa.
$48.00; Univ. Press of Florida pa. $29.95; Classic Textbooks pa. $28; Early history of the Creek Indians
and their neighbors, Univ. Press of Florida pa. $29.95; Classic Textbooks pa. $28; and Myths and tales of
Southeastern Indians, Univ. of Oklahoma Press pa. $12.95; Classic Textbooks $28

. . . also bibliographies, such as American Indian life, edited by Elsie C. Parsons [books for young adult readers],
University of Nebraska Press, $12.95 [016.9701]; and American Indian reference-resource books for
children & young adults, by Barbara J. Kuipers, Libraries Unlimited pa. $27.50 [016.9071].

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