The Best Books in Print about the Indians of Georgia
for students in grades K-8

Prices as of August, 2005

Cherokee, Creek (also called Muscogee; sometimes called the Creek Confederacy), and Mound Builders (prehistoric people, also called Mississippians)

(In the World Book, Britannica, and Americana encyclopedias, Indians of Georgia are listed as Cherokee, Creek, & Mound Builders.)

*** Compiled by Louise White in collaboration with members of GLMA (Georgia Library Media Association)
*** Includes Dewey classification numbers (NOTE: Some libraries use 970.1 for their basic Dewey number for American native peoples; some use 970.00497; others use Dewey numbers more reflective of American native peoples as separate groups); some subject headings are also added.

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries of American Native Peoples

*American Indian Tribes*, by R. Kent Rasmussen & the editors of Salem Press. 2 volumes, Salem Press, $104.00 (grades 6 & up) Essays arranged by tribe. Vol. 1 includes Cherokee (9 p.), Creek (6 p.), and Mississippian (2 p.) (Mound-builders are not included in this set) 970.1 (970/.00497) Native Americans--Dictionaries & encyclopedias.

*The Encyclopedia of Native America*, by Trudy Griffin-Pierce. Viking Penguin $27.99 (grades 6 & up). The section on “The Southeast” has material on Cherokees and Creeks, but not Mound Builders. 970.1 (970.004/97/003) Native Americans--Dictionaries & encyclopedias.

*Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes*, edited by Carl Waldman. Facts on File [lib.bd.] $71.50; 2nd rev. ed. pa. $19.95; Diane Pub., reprint ed. $45.00 (grades 5-12) Describes 150 groups including Cherokee, Creek, “Mound Builders,” and (other) “Prehistoric Indians.” 970.1 (970.004/97/00321) Native Americans--Dictionaries & encyclopedias.

*Encyclopedia of North American Indians*, edited by D. L. Birchfield. 11 volumes, Marshal Cavendish, $571.00 (grades 4 & up) v.2 : includes Cherokee v.3 : includes Creek Indians v.5 : includes Georgia and Mound Builders. 970.1 (970.004/97/003) Native Americans--Dictionaries & encyclopedias.

*From Abenaki to Zuni*: a dictionary of Native American tribes, by Evelyn Wolfson. Demco Turtleback $16.40; Walker pa. $12.95 (grades 4 & up) Describes Cherokee, Creek, etc., but not Mound Builders. 970.1 (973/.0497/0032) Native Americans--Dictionaries

*The Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes*, edited by Sharon Malinowski. 4 volumes, Gale Group $135.00 v.1. The Northeast and the Southeast (grades 6 & up) 970.1 1 (973/.0497) Native Americans--Dictionaries & encyclopedias.
Indian Terms of the Americas, by Lotsee Patterson & Mary Snodgrass. Libraries Unlimited $38.95 850 terms (grades 6 & up) Presents & explains such terms as tepee, wampum, wigwam, Yankee, etc.
970.1 (970.004/97/003) Native Americans--Dictionaries.

Native Americans. 10 volumes, Grolier ISBN 0-7172-9396-3 $55.00 (grades 6 & up) Many illustrations and maps.
970.1 (970.004/97/003) Native Americans--Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Other Books for Students K-8 (by grade level)

Kindergarten & Up Reading Level

The First Strawberries : a Cherokee story, by Joseph Bruchac; pictures by Anna Vojtech. Dial/Penguin Group $17.99; Puffin Books. $15.20 (grades K-4) P (Picture book) or 398.2 (398.2/089975) Cherokee Indians--Folklore

The Great Ball Game of the Birds and Animals, by Deborah L Duvall; Murv Jacob. Univ. of New Mexico Press $14.95 (grades K-6) Who will win the contest -- the animals or the birds?? 398.2 (398.2/089/9755) Creek Indians--Legends.


Grade 2 & Up Reading Level

Between Earth and Sky : legends of Native American sacred places, by Joseph Bruchac. Harcourt $16.00 (grades 2-6) One Cherokee legend with 10 other legends -- themes are respect for/protection of our world. 398.2 (398.2/08997) Native Americans--Legends.


The Creek Nation, by Allison Lassieur (Native peoples series) Capstone Press [lib. ed.] $21.26 (grades 2-6) A colorful introduction to Creek history and the Creek people nowadays 970.3 (975.004/973) Creek Indians.
How Rabbit Lost His Tail: a traditional Cherokee legend, by Deborah L. Duvall; illustrated by Cherokee artist Murv Jacob. Univ. of New Mexico Pr. $14.95 (grades 2-6)
398.2 (398.24/52932/0899755) Cherokee Indians--Legends.

How Rabbit Tricked Otter and other Cherokee trickster stories, by Gayle Ross. HarperCollins $18.95 (grades 2-6) Gayle Ross is a storyteller and a direct descendant of John Ross, Cherokee chief of Georgia.
398.2 (398.2/089/975) Cherokee Indians--Legends.

Southeast Indians, by Mir Tamim Ansary (Native American series)
Heinemann $7.50 (grades 2-4) A colorful introduction to this subject
970.4975 (975.00497) Native Americans--Southern States.

811.54 Native Americans--Poetry.

398.2 (398.2/089/9755) Cherokee Indians--Legends.

Grade 4 & Up Reading Level

Ancient America, by Cathryn J. Long. Lucent Books/Gale Group $28.70 (grades 3-6)
970.01 l. America--Antiquities 2. Native Americans--Antiquities.

The Cherokees, by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (First American book [series])
Holiday House [lib.bd.] $22.60 (grades 4-6)
970.3 (975/.0049755) Cherokee Indians

970.3 (975.004/97557) 1. Cherokee Indians 2. Trail of Tears, 1838.

The Creek: Farmers of the Southeast, by Tracey Boraas.
Bridgestone [lib. ed.] $23.93 (grades 3-8) Creek people, also called Muscogee or Creek Confederacy, are descendants of the Mississippians, who built burial and temple mounds.
970.3 (975.004/973) Creek Indians

The Creek Indians, by Ellen Scordato (Junior library of American Indians)
Chelsea House [lib.bd.] $20.75 (grades 4-8)
970.3 (973/.04973) Creek Indians

Dancing Drum: a Cherokee legend, by Terri Cohlene (Native American legends) Watermill/Troll Communications $4.95 (grades 4 & up)
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<td>The Earliest Americans</td>
<td>Helen R. Sattler</td>
<td>Sagebrush Educational Resources [lib.bd.]</td>
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<td>Early to approximately 1492. Where did these earliest people come from? – and what’s our evidence for our answer(s)?</td>
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<td>Margaret Z. Searcy</td>
<td>Gretna, LA : Pelican Pub. Co.</td>
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<td>Keepers of the Animals: Native American stories and wildlife activities for children</td>
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<td>4 &amp; up</td>
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<td>Native Americans of the Southeast</td>
<td>Christina M. Girod</td>
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<td>Only the Names Remain: the Cherokees and the Trail of Tears</td>
<td>Alex W. Bealer</td>
<td>Little, Brown</td>
<td>$12.85 [lib.bd.]</td>
<td>4 &amp; up</td>
<td>History of the Cherokee people, their leaders, etc.</td>
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Pushing Up the Sky: seven Native American plays for children, by Joseph Bruchac (grades 4-7)
Dial/Penguin [lib.bd.] $16.01 One of the plays, “Possum’s tail,” is Cherokee.
812.54 Native Americans--Drama.

Seasons of the Circle: a Native American year, by Joseph Bruchac.
Troll Communications $15.95 (grades 3-8) Customs of Cherokee & 11 other tribes

Sequoyah, Inventor of the Cherokee Alphabet, by Jane Shumate (North American Indians of achievement) Chelsea House $21.95 (grades 4 & up) Sequoyah’s boyhood, youth, and life--his skills and his achievement


Soft Rain: a story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears, by Cornelia Cornelissen.
Delacourte $14.95
A 9-yr.-old Cherokee girl is forced to relocate west from N.C. with her family.

Trail of Tears, by Joseph Bruchac (Step into reading)
Random House $3.99, $11.99 (grades 4-8)
970.3 1. Cherokee Indians--History 2. Trail of Tears, 1838.

The Trail of Tears: the story of the Cherokee removal, by Dan Elish.
Marshall Cavendish [lib.bd.] $32.79 (grades 4-6)
970.3 1. Cherokee Indians--History 2. Trail of Tears, 1838.

The Trail on Which They Wept: the story of a Cherokee girl, by Dorothy Hoobler & Thomas Hoobler. Demco Press $10.30 (grades 4 & up)


Grade 6 & Up Reading Level

The Girl Who Married the Moon: tales from Native North America, told by Joseph Bruchac (Abenaki) and Gayle Ross (Cherokee); illustrated by S.S. Burrus (Cherokee). Troll Comm./Demco $12.10 (grades 6 & up) Legends about women, including one Cherokee & one Creek
398.2 (398.2/08997) Native American women--Folklore
Indian America: a geography of North American Indians, by Marian Wallace Ney. Cherokee Publications, Cherokee, NC 28719 pa. $5.95 (grades 6 & up) Each map shows the location of the tribes & confederacies; one map is of Alabama-Georgia-South Carolina, page 45. 970.1 (970.004) Native Americans

Indians of the Southeast, by Richard E. Mancini (The first Americans [series]) Facts on File $26.35 (grades 6 & up) Mound-builders, p. 9-13, 22-23; also see Index in this book for “Cherokee people” and “Creek Confederacy.” 970.4975 (975/.00497) Native Americans--Southern States.

The Journal of Jesse Smoke, a Cherokee boy, by Joseph Bruchac (My name is America [series]) Scholastic $10.95 (grades 6-8) 16-year-old Jesse’s diary 1.Cherokee Indians--Fiction 2.Trail of Tears, 1838--Fiction.


Native American Stories, by Michael J. Caduto & Joseph Bruchac Fulcrum pa. $12.95; Minneapolis : Sagebrush Education Resources $22.20 (grades 6-8) Includes one Creek & two Cherokee legends. 398.2 (398.2/08997) Native Americans--Legends.


Who Came First: new clues to prehistoric Americans, by Patricia Lauber. National Geographic/Simon & Schuster $18.95 The first people to settle here, how they got here -- and research going on now about these questions. Many illustrations. (grades 6 & up) 970.01 1. Native Americans--Origins.

Grade 8 & Up Reading Level

A to Z of Native American Women, by Liz (Elizabeth) Sonneborn. Facts on File $45.00 Details on Nancy Ward and six other Cherokee women; and on Mary Musgrove and two other Creek women 970.1 (920.72/089/97) American Indian women.

American Indian Contributions to the World: 15,000 years of inventions and innovations, by Emory Dean Keoke & Kay Porterfield [Some editions are called: Encyclopedia of American Contributions . . .]. Facts on File $65.00, pa. $24.95 Index to Cherokee inventions, p. 346, Creek, p. 347 970.1 (970.004) 1. Native Americans--Dictionaries 2. Inventions.

Atlas of the North American Indian, by Carl Waldman Facts on File $21.95 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 (970.004/97) Native Americans.

Cherokee Legends and the Trail of Tears, by Thomas (Tom) Bryan Underwood & John Burnett (adapted from the 19th Annual report of the Bureau of Ethnology) Cherokee NC 28719: Cherokee Publications (P.O. Box 430) pa. $4.95; Sagebrush Education Resources [lib.bd.] $13.10 970.3 (398.209700497) 1.Cherokee Indians--Legends 2.Native Americans--Southern States 3. Trail of Tears, 1838.

Cherokee Nation v. Georgia: the forced removal of a people, by Nathan Aaseng (Famous trials [series]) Lucent Books/Gale Group $28.70 970.5 (342.73/0872) 1.Native Americans--Legal status, laws, etc. 2.Cherokee Indians.

The Cherokee People: the story of the Cherokees from earliest origins to contemporary times, by Thomas E. Mails Council Oak Bks. $50.00 970.3 (973/.04975) Cherokee Indians

Chronology of American Indian History: the trail of the wind, by Liz Sonneborn. Facts on File $71.50 970.1 (973.04/97/00202) Native Americans--History.

Creek Indian History, by George Stiggins, 1788-1845, edited by Virginia Pounds Brown (of the Birmingham [Alabama] Public Library). Univ. of Alabama Pr. $34.95 970.3 (975/.004973) Creek Indians.

Footsteps of the Cherokees: a guide to the eastern homelands of the Cherokee nation, by Vicki Rozema. Winston-Salem, NC : John F. Blair pa. $17.95 Self-guided tours of modern-day Cherokee sites 917.5 (975/.004975) Cherokee Indians--Southern States Southern States--Description & travel

The Georgia Gold Rush: Twenty-Niners, Cherokees, and gold fever, by David Williams. How the 1929 gold rush led to the expulsion of the Cherokees from Georgia Univ. of South Carolina $29.95
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 [series]) Granville, OH: McDonald & Woodward $14.95 See index for Georgia, Etowah, Ocmulgee, etc.

Lost Cities of the Ancient Southeast, by Mallory M. O'Connor. Gainesville FL: University Press of Florida $55.00
970.497 (975/.01) 1. Mound-builders--Southern States.

The Mound Builders, by Robert Silverberg. Ohio Univ. Press pa. $9.95 See index under: Cherokee Indians, Creek Indians, Etowah, Ocmulgee, etc.
970.01 (973.1) 1. Mound-builders 2. Native Americans--Antiquities.

Native America Today: a guide to community politics and culture, by Barry Pritzker.

The Native American Experience, ed. by Leila Wardwell. Facts on File $140.00
970.1 (973/.0497) 1. Native Americans--Pictorial works.

Native American Rights, edited by Tamara Roleff (Current controversies) Greenhaven Press $34.95 Rights of Indians regarding (1) native culture, (2) resources, (3) sovereignty, & (4) gaming.
342.73 (323.1/197) 1. Native Americans--Government relations.

970.1 (973/.0497) Native Americans.

970.49758 (975.8/01) Native Americans--North America--Georgia

970.1 (970/.00497) Native Americans.

Native Tribes of the Southeast, by Michael Johnson & Duncan Clarke (Native tribes of North America [series]) Gareth Stevens [lib.bd.] $31.93; World Almanac Library [school ed.] $32.66
970.4975 (975.004/97) Native Americans--Southern States

Ocmulgee Archaeology, 1936-1986, edited by David J. Hally. Univ. of Georgia Press $45.00
970.49758 (975.8/01) 1. Ocmulgee National Monument (Ga.) 2. Native Americans--Georgia--Macon Region--Antiquities.
The Rights of American Indians and Their Tribes, by Stephen L. Pevar (ACLU handbooks for young Americans) New York (125 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York NY 10004 or 1-888-567-2258) : ACLU/Puffin Bks pa. $8.99
342.73 (342.73/0872; 347.302872) 1. Native Americans--Government relations.

Stolen Continents: five hundred years of conquest and resistance in the Americas, by Ronald Wright. Houghton Mifflin $22.95 Special emphasis on Cherokee & Iroquois. Many illustrations. 970.1 (970.004/97) Native Americans.

Voices From the Trail of Tears, edited by Vicki Rozema (Real voices, real history [series]) Winston-Salem NC : John F. Blair $11.95; Cherokee Publications, Cherokee, NC 28719 (P.O. Box 430) pa. $11.95 Eyewitnesses speak for themselves (Chief John Ross, etc.) 970.3 (973.04/9755) 1. Cherokee Indians--History 2. Trail of Tears, 1838.

Background Reading For Teachers, Media Specialists, Parents, & Other Adults

Bartram, William, 1739-1823. The Travels of William Bartram [Through North & South Carolina, Georgia, ... ]. Univ. of Georgia Press $24.95; Library of America/Penguin $40.00. William & his brother (both naturalists) were the first Europeans to see much of this area. 917.5 (917.5043) 1. Native Americans--Southern States 2. Natural history--Southern States.

Bartram, William, 1739-1823. William Bartram on the Southeastern Indians. Univ. of Nebraska Press $25.00
970.4975 (917.5043) Native Americans--Southern States.

Bruchac, Joseph. Our Stories Remember: American Indian history, culture, and values through storytelling. Fulcrum $16.95


Hirschfelder, Arlene B., & Yvonne Beamer. Native Americans Today: resources & activities for educators. Libraries Unlimited $25.95 Objectives, activities, etc. for each lesson on (for example) stereotypes, personal names, clothing, food, recreation/sports, native TV/film/video, etc. 016.9701 (970.004/97/00712) 1. Native Americans--Study & teaching (Elementary) 2. Native Americans--Study & teaching (Middle school).

Jones, Charles Colcock, 1831-1893. Antiquities of the Southern Indians, Particularly of the Georgia Tribes. Univ. of Alabama Press $34.95
970.497 (975/.01) 1. Native Americans--Southern States--Antiquities 2. Native Americans--Georgia--Antiquities 3. Ocmulgee National Monument (Ga.)

Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958. *Indian Tribes of North America.* Washington DC : Smithsonian Institution Press $35.00
This is Swanton’s most important book. See the section on Georgia, pages 104-120, which gives details on all the 19 Indian tribes that ever lived in Georgia—not only the well-known tribes but also the lesser known & extinct ones, such as the Apalachicola, for whom the Apalachicola River was named; and the Okmulgee, who lived near Macon.

Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958. *The Indians of the Southeastern United States.* Wash. DC : Smithsonian Institution Press pa. $29.95; Troy MO : Greenwood Press $67.95


**Audio-Visual Materials**

**Videos : VHS & DVD**
(In order by grade level)

**Grades K-4**
*Native American Life* (American history for children) 25 min. Library Video Co. VHS $29.95
970.1 (970.004/97) Native Americans

**Grades 3-6**
(Cherokee elementary level history series) Chief Productions/Library Video Co. VHS $39.95 each ($79.90 set of 2)

1) *Native American Lifestyles* 30 min.
   970.1 (973.04975) Native Americans

2) *The Cherokee Trail of Tears* (1825-50) 30 min.
   970.3 (975.004/97557) 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 (970.004/97) Native Americans

**Grades 5 & up**
(Indians of North America video collection) Schlessinger Media/Library Video Co. VHS $39.95 each

1) *A History of Native Americans* 30 min.
   970.1 (970.004/97) Native Americans

2) *Cherokee (Ani-Yun Wiya)* [Southeast] [1995 Telly Award] 30 min.
   970.3 (975.004/97557) Cherokee Indians
3) *Creek (Mvskokulke) [Southeast]* 30 min.  
970.3 (975.004/973) Creek Indians

**Grades 7 & up**  
(Cherokee history series) Chief Productions/Library Video Co.  
VHS $39.95 each ($79.90 set of 2)  
1) *Cherokee Culture (1500-1820)* 30 min. Their life prior to contact with Europeans  
970.3 (975.004/97557) Cherokee Indians  
2) *Cherokee Odyssey (1825-1850)* 30 min. Their forced removal from ancestral homelands  
970.3 (975.004/97557) Cherokee Indians

*Mystery of the First Americans* (World history series) 60 min. Library Video Co. VHS $19.95  
970.01 (970.004/97) 1. Native Americans--Origins 2. Prehistoric peoples.

*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 (975.00497) Native Americans--Southern States

**Audiocassettes**

**Grades K-6**  
*Thirteen Moons on Turtle’s Back : Native American year of the moons*, by Joseph Bruchac & Jonathan London [audiocassette] Spoken Arts $16.95 [Poems based on legends of the Cherokee & other tribes]  
811.54 Native Americans--Poetry

**Grades 4 & up**  
*How Rabbit Tricked Otter and Other Cherokee Animal Stories*, by Gayle Ross [audiocassette] Harper $11.95; Parabola $11.95  
398.2 (398.2/089/975) Cherokee Indians--Legends

**Web Sites**  
(These are a few examples; consult your media specialist or librarian for other examples.)

**Grades 6 & up**  
*Southeastern Native American Documents, 1730-1842* in GALILEO’s *Digital Library of Georgia*

**Grades 8 & up**  
*Official Cherokee Nation In Oklahoma* Retrieved December 5, 2005 from http://www.cherokee.org/  
*Georgia Indians* Carl Vinson Institute of Government Retrieved December 5, 2005 from http://www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/gaindian.htm
Originally, this list, “The Best Children’s Books in Print about the Indians of Georgia” (the title recently shortened to “The Best Books in Print about the Indians of Georgia”) was the topic of a workshop at the GLMA-COMO IX conference (meeting on Jekyll Island), Oct. 3, 1997. Every year -- every August -- since then, the list has been revised and copies distributed at the annual conference of Georgia-COMO (Georgia Council of Media Organizations -- GLA. GLMA, etc.), with media specialists and librarians contributing corrections and additions each year.

This annual edition of the list (the 9th) was revised in August, 2005.

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