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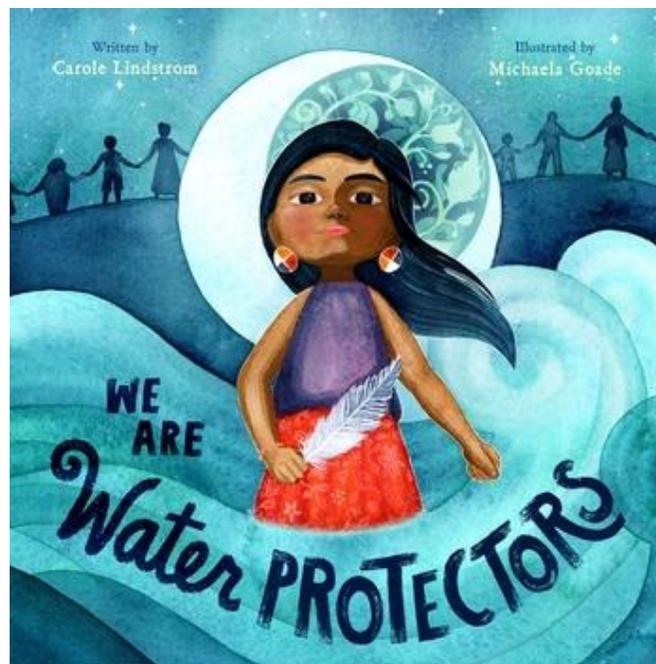
Review of *We Are Water Protectors*

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Adult/Educator Reviewer: Angie Foster

Parent, Newton, NC

Student Reviewer: Daniel Foster, 4th Grade, 9 Years Old



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Adult Review: Angie Foster

We Are Water Protectors describes the significance of water in Indigenous North American culture and the damage created by oil pipelines, which are symbolized by a black snake. The main character is a young girl who is Native American. She is taught the importance of water from her Grandmother and other members of her Indigenous Community. She also learns of a prophecy that a “black snake” will come and destroy the land, water, plants, and animals of her land. She speaks of harm that the “black snake” has created and the stand her people have taken to protect this resource that is so sacred. The young girl encourages others to be courageous and join the Water Protectors. The book ends with a large group uniting in peaceful protest to protect the water.

This book was selected for review due to its interdisciplinary connections. *We Are Water Protectors* provides a great example of symbolism while exploring environmental effects of oil pipelines, Indigenous culture, and featuring a young activist. It would appeal to most any young student due to the beautiful and vibrant illustrations, and the clarity of text.

Student Review: Daniel Foster, 4th Grader, 9 Years Old

This book is important because it speaks for water. The beginning was a little confusing because I did not understand how water is a medicine but at the end it made more sense. Teachers and students would enjoy this book because it will help them learn about threats to water. I liked the pictures the most in this book because they are cool.