



[WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS](#) by Carole Lindstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade

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*Age Range: 3-6

Grade Range: K-3 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption—a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade.

*Water is the first medicine.
It affects and connects us all...*

When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth
And poison her people's water, one young water protector
Takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "In this tribute to Native resilience, Indigenous author-and-illustrator team Lindstrom and Goade invite readers to stand up for environmental justice. An inspiring call to action for all who care about our interconnected planet." —[Kirkus Reviews](#), **starred review**

★ "Goade's watercolor illustrations fill the spreads with streaming ribbons of water, cosmic backdrops, and lush natural landscapes.... Lindstrom's spare, poetic text flows with the "river's rhythm." Written in response to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, famously protested by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe—and others—these pages carry grief, but it is overshadowed by hope in what is an unapologetic call to action." —[Booklist](#), **starred review**

★ "Observation is not enough, the book communicates: action is necessary... A passionate call for environmental stewardship." —[Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

★ "A gorgeous and empowering picture book with an urgent environmental plea." —[BookPage](#), **starred review**

★ "This book will both educate and inspire youth." —[School Library Journal](#), **starred review**

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"Flowing words by Carole Lindstrom and lush art by Michaela Goade appear in immaculate synchronicity on every page of *We Are Water Protectors*."—[Shelf Awareness](#)

"...beautifully composed." —[Horn Book](#)

"Powerful....Goade's illustrations combine a mystical mood with the lovely fierceness of a child seeking justice."
—[The New York Times](#)

"This book celebrates indigenous-led movements to protect our planet's water. With gorgeous illustrations, it gives readers a sense of our connectivity." —[Romper](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- #1 New York Times Bestseller
- The 2021 Randolph Caldecott Medal Winner
- The 2021 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Winner
- A 2021 SCBWI Golden Kite Award Honor Book
- A 2021 NCTE Charlotte Huck Award Honor Book
- Friends of American Writers Young People's Literature Award Winner

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Activity Kit](#)
- [Watch the Snack Time with MacKids story time with Carole Lindstrom](#)
- [Take the pledge to be a Water Protector](#)
- [The Horn Book interview with Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade](#)
- [Cynsations Interview with Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade](#)
- [Fuse #8 Productions Interview with Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade](#)
- [Publishers Weekly interview with Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade](#)
- [CBC Reserved interview with Carole Lindstrom](#)
- [Publishers Weekly interview with Michaela Goade on winning the Caldecott](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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