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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5 Up—This long overdue and stunningly illustrated work tells the story of Hiawatha, the legendary historical figure who helped form the Great Iroquois Nation. Sparked by fear, anger, and revenge, the five Haudenosaunee Nations are constantly at odds with one another, fueled by the evil Chief Tadodaho. The Mohawk warrior Hiawatha is consumed by grief and anger, but a Peacemaker appears and enlists him to assist in joining the tribes together under the Great Law. After traveling with the Peacemaker to the different tribes and working toward peace, Hiawatha finds forgiveness within himself. Best known for his work with The Band, Robertson offers a beautifully retold version of this tale, which has been passed down through North American Indian oral tradition. An appended note describes the Iroquois Confederacy and its impact upon the U.S. Constitution, adding authenticity and emphasizing the importance of this tale. The bright colors of Shannon's full-page spreads add depth and volume, giving readers greater understanding. VERDICT All students should know the history of the Iroquois Confederacy, and this book provides the perfect opportunity for them to do so.—Amy Zembroski, Indian Community School, Franklin, WI

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"*Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* adds a much-needed, authentic Native American voice to children's literature. Its message of peace and Shannon's incredible art make for a winning combination."

(*Booklist*)

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"Shannon's penetrating oil paintings expressively capture the initial tension and uncertainty with which these messengers of peace are met, and the tranquility that replaces it...a CD that includes a song written and performed by Robertson underscore the author's evident emotional connection to this story and passion for passing it on."

(*Publishers Weekly*)

"Expressive, handsome, and well-documented."

(*Kirkus Reviews*)

About the Author

Robbie Robertson was the lead guitarist and primary songwriter of the legendary musical group the Band and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He lives in Los Angeles.

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