

# About the Book:

## *The Wolf's Trail*

Several days after I took the pups to the place overlooking Spirit Island, Youngest Nephew came close to visit one afternoon as I lay sunning.

“Zhi-shay’,” he began hesitantly. “I don’t know my life purpose.:

“Sure you do,” I replied. “Part of your purpose was determined before you were even born. It’s just not clear to you yet because you are still young.”

*The Wolf's Trail* tells of Zhi-shay’, an elder wolf, and a litter of young wolves living somewhere on the side of a hill overlooking the river that flows through Nagahchiwanong in Northern Minnesota. Zhi-shay’, who knows the whole story of the parallel relationship between wolves and the Ojibwe going all the way back to the Beginning, sharing it with his nieces and nephews, and us. Replete with universal lessons, *The Wolf's Trail* is the story of the Ojibwe, told by wolves, of what they have become, and the promise of their becoming.



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# About the Author:

## Thomas Peacock

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Thomas Peacock is co-owner and publisher of Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing, specializing in Native children's books written by Native authors. He received both his master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Harvard University. He has authored or co-authored *The Forever Story*, *Collected Wisdom*, *Ojibwe We Look in All Directions*, *The Good Path*, *The Seventh Generation*, *The Four Hills of Life*, *To Be-Free*, *The Tao of Nookomis*, *Beginnings: The Homeward Journey of Donovan Manypenny*, *The Forever Sky*, and *The Dancers*. *Ojibwe* and *The Good Path* were Minnesota Book Award winners. *The Seventh Generation* was a multicultural children's book of the year (American Association of Multicultural Education). *The Forever Sky* received a Kirkus starred review (April 2019). *The Wolf's Trail* (Holy! Cow Press) will be released in May 2020. He is a member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Anishinaabe Ojibwe and lives with his wife Betsy, in Little Sand Bay, Red Cliff, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota.



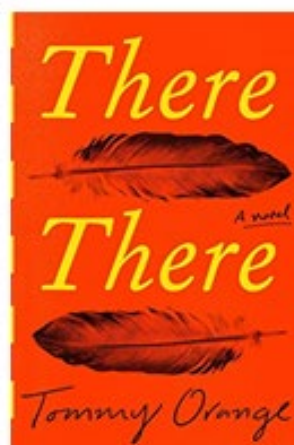
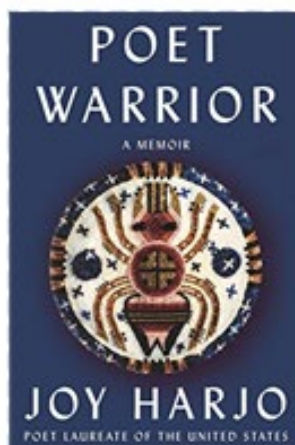
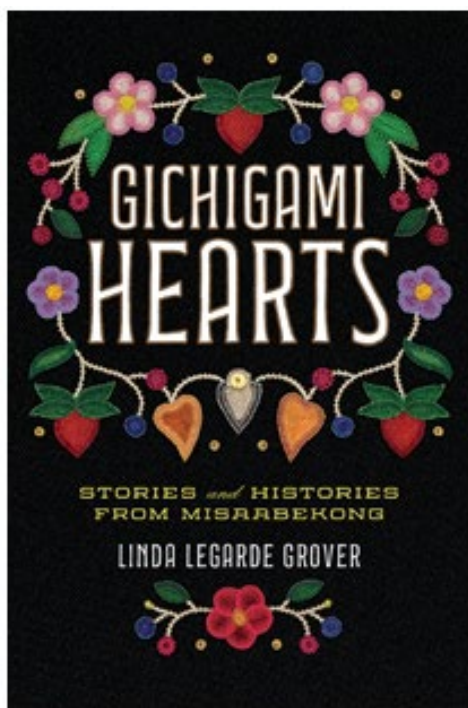
# Discussion Questions:

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1. The narrative structure of *The Wolf's Trail* is incredibly unique. Did you like the choice Peacock made to have wolves as his narrators?
2. What did you like the most about this book?
3. What was your favorite quote from *The Wolf's Trail*? Why did this quote stand out?
4. Which character in the book would you most like to meet?
5. What do you think about the cover art? How does it relate to the book's contents? Is there anything you might change about this book cover?
6. What do you think is the strongest theme in *The Wolf's Trail*? Is it the passage of knowledge to a younger generation, or an origin story?
7. Zhi-shay' spends time telling the pups their relationship with humans, what struck you the most about what he had to say about them?
8. Peacock uses wolves to tell the story of the Ojibwe people. If you had to tell a story of your family or your people, would you tell it as other biographers and memoirists have done, or would you write like Peacock and use animals to tell your story?



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