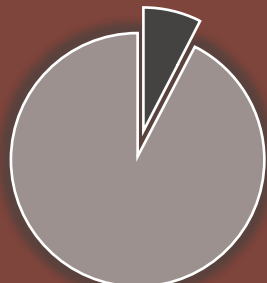


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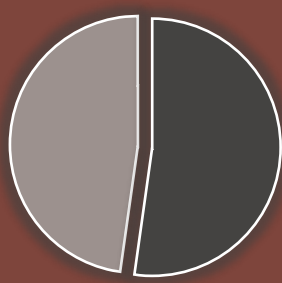
RICHARD WAGAMESE



Children 0 – 14  
In Canada

**7.7%**

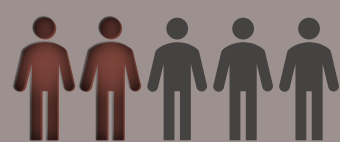
of all children under  
14 are Indigenous



Children 0 – 14  
In Foster Care

**52.2%**

of all children in Foster  
Care are Indigenous



Approx. 2 in 5 First  
Nations, Métis, and Inuit  
people aged 12 to 24  
reported heavy drinking



About

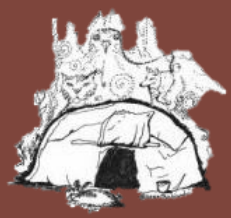
**TWO  
THIRDS**

of Canadian Indigenous  
languages are considered  
endangered



Smudging ceremonies:  
cleansing rituals meant to  
purifying the soul of negative  
thoughts of a person or place

Sweat lodge ceremonies:  
spiritual rituals meant to cleanse  
the body, mind and soul



"It wasn't easy coming back. I had little of  
the Ojibway left on me and they had no  
experience with the urban world I knew."  
(p. 133)

"When I learned to speak Ojibway I  
reclaimed a huge part of myself. It wasn't  
lost, I had always owned it; it was just  
adrift on the great sea of influence that is  
the modern world." (p. 139)

**THE JOURNEY TO RECLAIM AN  
INDIGENOUS IDENTITY**