

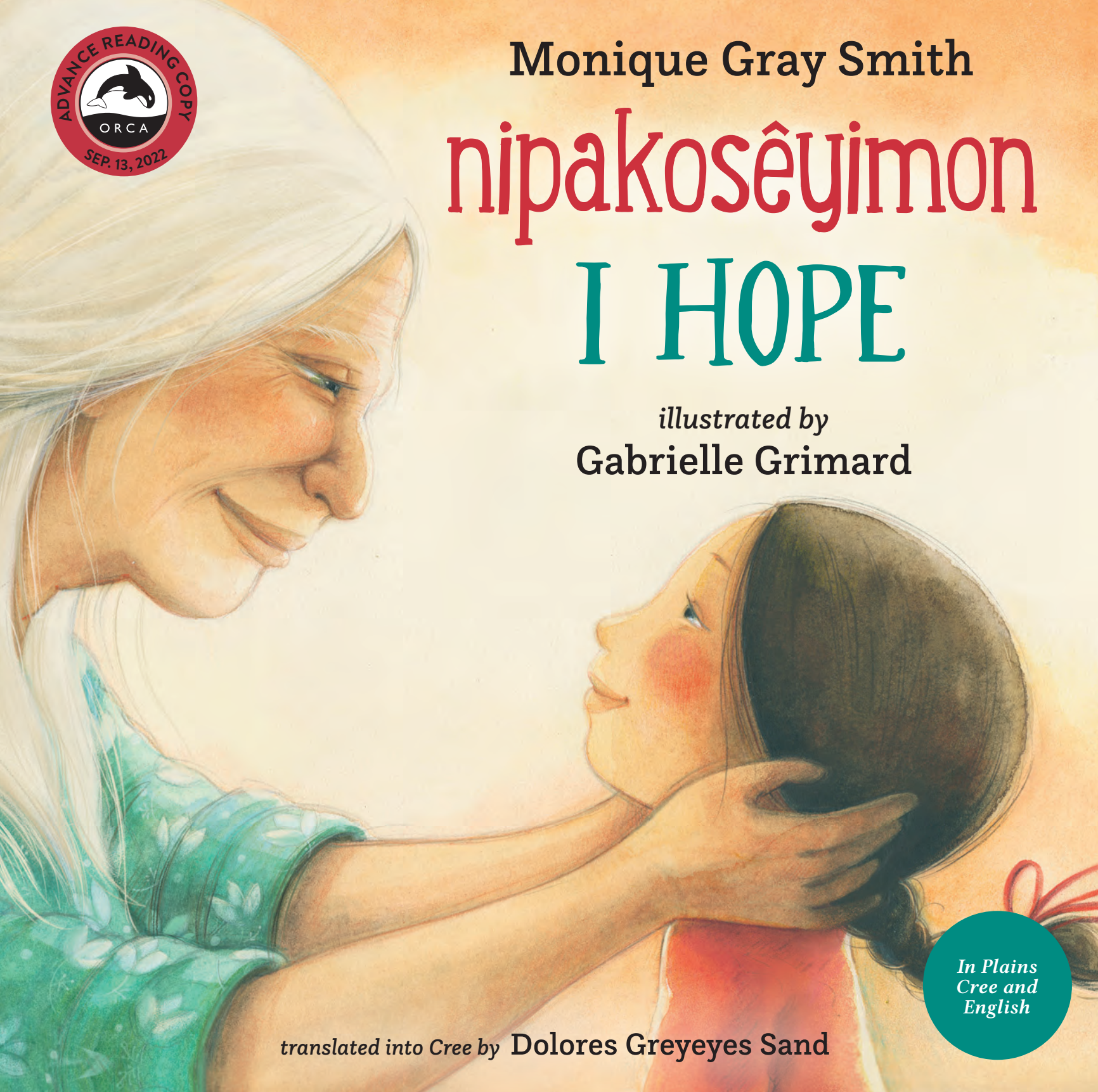


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I HOPE

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Gabrielle Grimard



translated into Cree by Dolores Greyeyes Sand

*In Plains
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MY WORLD IS FULL OF HOPE FOR YOU.

Using simple but powerful statements, Monique Gray Smith delivers a touching message about loving, nurturing and wishing the best for our children.

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Gabrielle Grimard has been drawing since she was young. Her passion for drawing and painting led her to pursue studies in fine arts and arts education at Concordia University. After she had her first child, she began her career as an illustrator. She is the illustrator of *The Library Bus*, which was a Governor General's Literary Award finalist, and *Stolen Words*, which was a Bank Street College Best Book of the Year, a Kirkus Best Picture Book of the Year and the winner of the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award. She lives in Waterville, Quebec, with her family.



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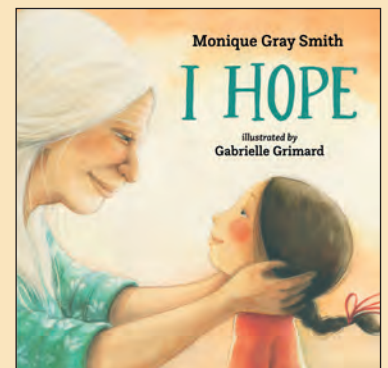
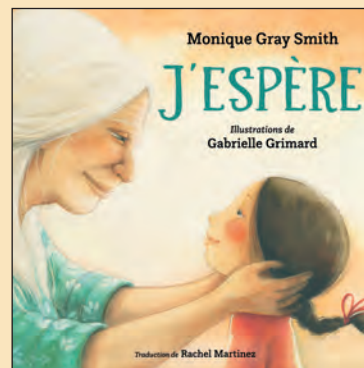
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- Simple, straightforward text outlines essential hopes that adults have for the young ones they love and asks young readers what hopes they have for themselves.
- Monique Gray Smith is an award-winning, bestselling author and advocate for the mental health and well-being of all children.
- Carefully constructed text addresses aspirations, from a safe place to sleep to a life full of love.
- The author's *When We Are Kind* was a *Quill & Quire* Best Book of the Year, and *My Heart Fills With Happiness* won the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize.
- The illustrator has been nominated for the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award.
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I hope that you and those you love know joy

nipakosêyimon kiya êkwa kisâkihâkanak
ka-kiskêyihamêk miyawâtamowin



I hope that you are kind
nipakosêyimon ka-kisêwâtisiyan



I hope you have belly laughs

nipakosêyimon ka-kakwâtakâhpiyan



I hope you love to learn

nipakosêyimon ê-cîhkêyihtaman

ka-kiskinwahamâkosiyan





I hope that when sad tears leave your
eyes someone is there to catch them

nipakosêyimon, ohcikawâpiyani, êkota
ta-ayâw awiyak ka-kâkîcihisk

I hope you are helpful

nipakosêyimon ka-wîcihiwêyan



I hope you know beautiful happiness

nipakosêyimon ka-kiskêyhtaman
cîhkêyhtamowin



I hope you play outside

nipakosêyimon ka-mêtawêyan
wayawîtimihk



I hope you are a caretaker of Mother Earth

nipakosêyimon kwayask ka-kanawêyimat
kikâwînaw askiy



I hope that, when you need a hug,
there are loving arms to hug you

nipakosêyimon, nitawêihtamani
ka-âkwaskitinikawiyân, êkota
ta-ayâw awiyak ka-âkwaskitinisk



I hope that you and those you love have
healthy food, clean water and a safe place
to sleep

nipakosêyimon kiya êkwa kisâkihâkanak
ka-ayâyêk mîciwin ka-miyoskâkoyêk, êkwa
kâ-miywâsik nipi, êkwa ita ta-nipâyêk



I hope you are courageous

nipakosêyimon ka-sôhkitêhêyan



I hope you remember to smile that
beautiful smile of yours

nipakosêyimon ka-kiskisiyan mâna
ka-pâhpisiyan anima kâ-katawasisik



I hope you are respectful

nipakosêyimon ka-manâcihiwêyan





I hope you always remember that you are
special and you matter

nipakosêyimon kâkikê ka-kiskisiyan
ê-kistêyihtâkosiyan êkwa
ê-mistakimikawiyan

I have lots of hopes, for you and for me,
but I wonder...What are your hopes?

mistahi pakosêyimowina nitayân kiyânaw ohci,
mâka, kîkwây kiya kâ-ohci-pakosêyimoyan?

For my sister, Teresa. Thank you for always being a beacon of hope.
nîtisân Teresa ohci ôma. kinanâskomitin kâkikê ê-wîcihtâsoyan ta-pakosêyimohk.
—M.G.S.

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