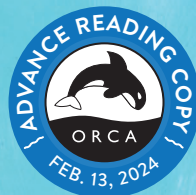


You Hold Me Up

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You hold me up. I hold you up. We hold each other up.

Award-winning author and international speaker Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with others.

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To Melanie Hunt —D.D.

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- The author is well-known for her board and picture books. Her title *My Heart Fills With Happiness* was selected for the 2019 TD Grade One Book Giveaway.
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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MONIQUE GRAY SMITH is an award-winning, bestselling author and public speaker. Her books cover a broad spectrum of ages, topics and emotions. Woven into all of Monique's writing and her speaking engagements is the teaching that Love is Medicine. Her books include *Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation*, *My Heart Fills With Happiness*, *You Hold Me Up*, *Lucy and Lola*, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, *Tilly and the Crazy Eights*, *When We Are Kind* and *I Hope*. She has also created the young adult adaptation of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Monique is Cree and Scottish. She lives with her family on the Traditional Territories of the Lak^oen̄en and WSÁNEĆ Peoples.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

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PRAISE FOR *YOU HOLD ME UP*

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when you
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