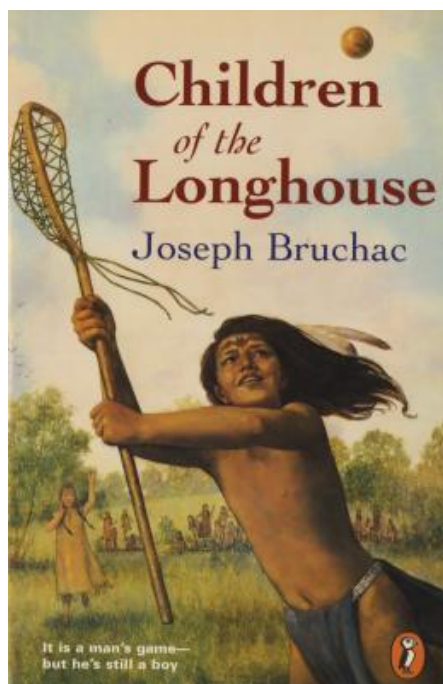




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When Ohkwa'ri overhears a group of older boys planning a raid on a neighboring village, he immediately tells his Mohawk elders. He has done the right thing—but he has also made enemies. Grabber and his friends will do anything they can to hurt him, especially during the village-wide game of Tekwaarathon (lacrosse). Ohkwa'ri believes in the path of peace, but can peaceful ways work against Grabber's wrath?

"An exciting story that also offers an in-depth look at Native American life centuries ago." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"Eloquently conveys how democracy, respect, and justice are integral components of the Native American's religion and government....Readers will come away from this novel with a broadened awareness of a nearly vanished culture." —*Publishers Weekly*

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Katie says

I read this aloud to my first grader and we both enjoyed it! We're homeschooling and studying Early American History.

Ms. Stephens says

The writing didn't grab me, which was interesting because *_Hidden Roots_* was gripping! Sean and I both wanted to abandon this one.

Claire says

My husband bought this book for our son, and he hasn't read it yet, but he will. The writing is good, and the descriptions of Mohawk life are well-woven into the narrative. I love the map at the beginning, showing the Haudenosaunee territories in present-day New York State.

Margy says

This is a fabulous book! Any person who likes to play Lacrosse should read this—child or adult. Any person interested in Native American culture should also read this. Well written, easy to understand with good life lessons.

Cathy aka The Attached Mama says

This is a really great book that teaches a lot about Native American culture. The story is slow and peaceful but picks up at the end with an exciting sporting event. The ending brought tears to my eyes, and I am NOT a sentimental person.

Sarah says

I liked the descriptions of the customs and cultural landscape of the Mohawk and other Iroquois nations. I so appreciate a historical novel that takes place before 1492. That's what I was looking for right now. I wish it focused more evenly on the sister and brother, rather than just the brother. I felt her story got started, but wasn't given enough closure in the end.

Rebekah Brinner says

Zoë rates this book 4 stars

Mickey Mevissen says

The story was good, but not really fleshed out.

Bryan Wolf says

Two words: Dumpster fire

This book is... terrible. Awful. Trash. The author should be ashamed he wrote it.

The plot? Imagine your favorite book's plot line as roller coaster. Lots of bumps and high points, then dropping 50 meters, right? If this book's plot line was a roller coaster, it would go up 10 meters then be completely flat for a good 5 minutes, then stop, then go up 2 meters and stop there. The characters are less likable than a teacher who assigns homework every night and weekend, and its message can only be interpreted as "Don't buy Joseph Bruchac books." Don't let the start of this book fool you. You will soon be wondering why Bruchac thought this was at all a good piece of writing and what time you should return it. This is my least favorite book of all time, and I wish that I had never read it. This book is the reason kids aren't reading in our country.

Penny says

While I have to admit the plot of this story is a little dry and the story moves slowly, I think this book does a fantastic job at giving a peek into what life may have been like previous to the colonization of America and the impact of the Europeans. It's a pretty decent read and I can't wait to share this one with my kids.

The story doesn't do a whole lot of meandering, and with the threat of war with a neighboring community being so early in the book, one would think the book would be filled with more intrigue or action, but the whole thing is relatively slow. Even when you get to the point of the game, in spite of the action, the story moves slowly and deliberately. This jives well with the patient, deliberate nature the elder characters display in the book, and what they model for the kids in the story, so it's almost a fitting tone and theme. The story in that regard is well crafted in that it delivers a very specific feel, which I think is beautifully done, but it doesn't make for an engaging read or the kind of book you just can't put down.

Because I am the kind of person I am, I'm a big fact checker when it comes to historic fictions for my kids, especially anything we plan to use for homeschooling. I couldn't resist checking much of what was written against what I could find easily on the web. The only thing I found that didn't match facts was the pemmican, given there's never mention of maple sugar, especially not as a preservative, and the use of blueberries in particular seems most commonly referenced as being used for special occasions, but beyond that, the facts held up to digging I did. Overall I'm pretty happy with it in that regard, and I think it's definitely a valuable addition to any homeschooling or educational program that covers the lives of the Native peoples of America, or the world that existed in America prior to the "discovery" in 1492.

Melody says

This is a simple little book as far as plot goes - there isn't much as far as racing action and cliffhangers - but the writing is fluid, the main characters are well-developed, and it really gives you a good feeling for life in a longhouse village. My 13yo daughter loved the traditional stories that were sprinkled throughout.

Anastasia says

Children of the Longhouse by Joseph Bruchac is about an 11 year old Native American boy named Ohkwa'ri. When Ohkwa'ri overhears Grabber (an older boy from Ohkwa'ri's village) and his minions planning a raid on a neighboring village, Ohkwa'ri decides the right thing to do is to tell the leaders of his village. Grabber is mad at Ohkwa'ri, (as you can imagine) and a VERY rough lacrosse-like game is going to take place. Yet, the two are on opposing teams! Find out what happens next in Children of the Longhouse by Joseph Bruchac. I thought this book was very interesting. It was very suspenseful and a great way to learn more about the Native American lifestyle. I would recommend this book to someone who likes historical fiction and suspenseful adventures.

Blu Michaels says

This book did NOT deserve my time. I thought it was embarrassing trash. I previously had read Eagle Song by the same author and enjoyed it. But this book is the biggest disappointment.

Lana says

cool

Theresa says

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The Children of the Longhouse is a mixture of real Native American people living today, and mythology an classic Mohawk characters of the past. It is an engaging story of a young set of twins at the verge of adulthood and how they have to face many small hurdles to achieve their desires. Ohkwa`ri and Otsi:stia are twins that learn that leaning on each other they can overcome many of their problems. Ohkwa`ri is an intelligent boy who learns that if he is patient and does not run head long into things, listens not only to his elders but his older twin sister Otsi:stia he will survive many of his difficulties. The twins biggest problem is Grabber an angry young orphan who see the younger Ohkwa`ri as a rival. Grabber is a determined young man who wants to use his power and influence to gain a reputation. His first plan to invade the Anen:taks`

tribe and kill to achieve his glory is thwarted by Ohkwa`ri who tells his elders of the plan. Grabbers many acts of revenge for this averted attack cause problems for the twins. But it is the connections and intelligence of the twins that makes Grabbers life better in the end.
