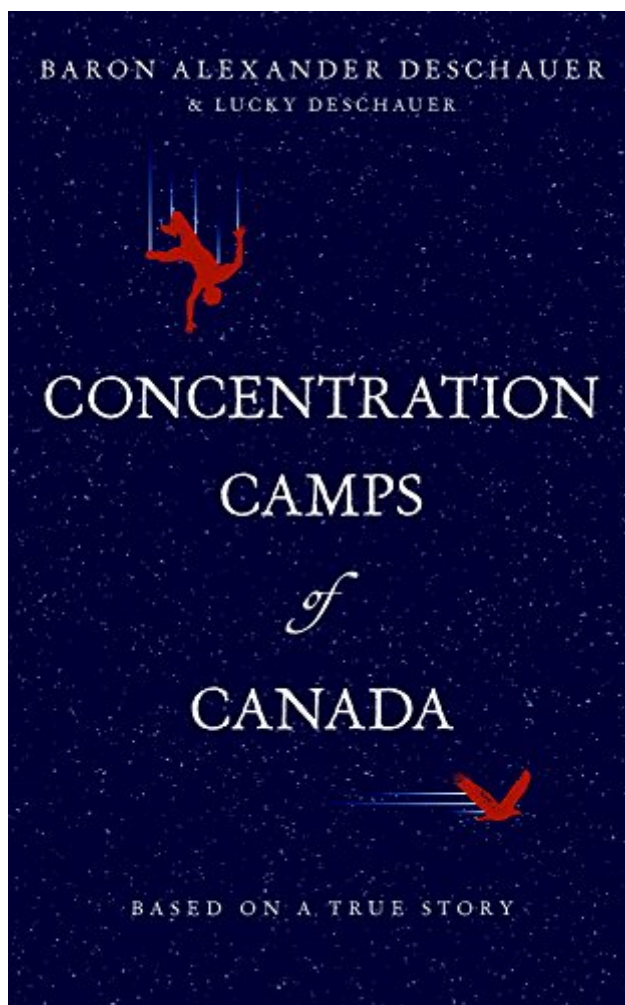


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# Concentration Camps Of Canada: Based On A True Story



## Synopsis

Imagine a world where everyone lives in harmony. A world where square miles of farmland are given to settlers in exchange for them agreeing to move there. A world of freedom, laws, and opportunity. That world is Canada, then and now. Unknown to the world and its citizens, that same government waged a genocidal war against its Indigenous peoples – never granting them ownership of land they freely gave to European settlers. A war that was fought in residential schools as they stripped Indigenous peoples of their language, culture, and pride. So successful was this method that Adolf Hitler used it as the model for his own concentration camps in Nazi Germany. This is the story of a young boy growing up in that world, determined to be a man in a system that only saw him as an Indian. Migizi's story. Based on the truth.

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Migizi is an Indigenous Canadian who is pulled away from his family and sent to a residential school with other Indians as the government attempt to strip away everything 'Indian' about him. Migizi is now called David, he is not allowed to speak his own language, practice any customs or traditions or talk about his old life. All of the children must work and if they fall ill, they are sequestered away until

they die. No doctors are called. The children that survive are often abused by the Brothers and Sisters that run the school. After school, Migizi is still required to get a permit whenever he would like to leave the reservation. Migizi works for a living but soon falls into a cycle of alcohol abuse and spousal abuse. Trying to set himself right, Migizi joins the army and returns a war hero. Even with this status, in Canada, he is still considered an Indian and has limited rights. This was a very eye-opening read. I had no idea that indigenous Canadians were put through injustices for so long. Through following Migizi from third grade through adulthood I had a good picture of the abuse of the Indigenous Canadians throughout time and how the government practices perpetuated the cycles of addiction and abuse. I was appalled at the school that Migizi was sent to; how the Brothers and Sisters felt they could beat the Indian culture out of the students and that they received no medical care. I was even more upset at the fact that this practice continued to happen as Migizi's grandchildren went through the schools. Migizi's time in the Service seemed to be the only time that he was treated as an equal. I was impressed with Migizi's skill and dedication to the army and how his missions helped to win WWII. However, the racism that prevailed when he returned as a war hero quickly erased all of his accomplishments. Overall, this is an overwhelming story that increased my understanding of the struggles and injustices that the Native Canadians have faced and continue to face today. This book was received for free in return for an honest review.

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