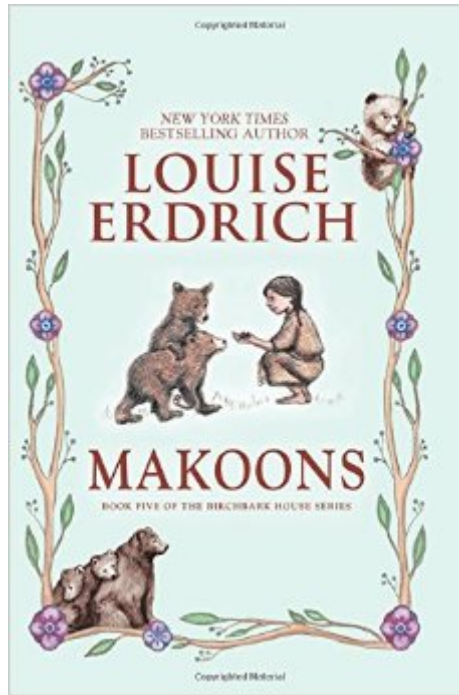


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# Makoons (Birchbark House)



## Synopsis

In the sequel to *Chickadee*, acclaimed author Louise Erdrich continues her award-winning Birchbark House series with the story of an Ojibwe family in nineteenth-century America. Named for the Ojibwe word for little bear, Makoons and his twin, Chickadee, have traveled with their family to the Great Plains of Dakota Territory. There they must learn to become buffalo hunters and once again help their people make a home in a new land. But Makoons has had a vision that foretells great challenges—challenges that his family may not be able to overcome. Based on Louise Erdrich's own family history, this fifth book in the series features black-and-white interior illustrations, a note from the author about her research, as well as a map and glossary of Ojibwe terms.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

They say these days you can't sell a novel for kids anymore without the book having some kind of "sequel potential". That's not really true, but there are a heck of a lot of series titles out there for the 7 to 12-year-old set, that's for sure. New series books for children are by their very definition sort of odd for kids, though. If you're an adult and you discover a new series, waiting a year or two for the next book to come out is a drop in the bucket. Years fly by for grown-ups. The wait may be mildly painful but it's not going to crush you. But series for kids? That's another

matter entirely. Two years go by and the child has suddenly become an entirely different person. They may have switched their loyalties from realistic historical fiction to fantasy or science fiction or (heaven help us) romance even! It almost makes more sense just to hand them series that have already completed their runs, so that they can speed through them without breaking the spell. Almost makes more sense . . . but not quite. Not so long as there are series like â œThe Birchbark House Seriesâ • by Louise Erdrich. It is quite possibly the only historical fiction series currently underway for kids that has lasted as long as fourteen years and showing no sign of slowing down until it reaches its conclusion four books from now, Erdrich proves time and time again that sheâ™s capable of ensnaring new readers and engaging older ones without relying on magic, mysteries, or post-apocalyptic mayhem. And if she manages to grind under her heel a couple stereotypes about what a book about American Indians in the past is â œsupposedâ • to be (boring/serious/depressing) so much the better. Chickadee is back, and not a second too soon.

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