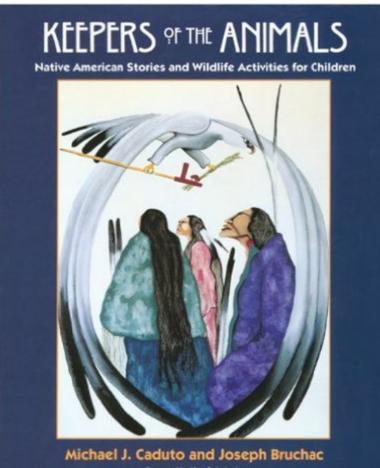
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# Keepers Of The Animals: Native American Stories And Wildlife Activities For Children



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# Synopsis

These traditional Native American stories along with related activities show parents and teachers how to teach children the importance of wildlife in Native American traditions. As the stories unfold and the activities come to life, the importance of our connections to animals became apparent. Features traditional Native American stories. Includes field-tested activities appropriate for all ages. Connects wildlife ecology and environmental issues. Fosters creative thinking and the synthesis of knowledge and experience. The stories in this book present some of the basic perspectives that Native North American parents, aunts and uncles use to teach the young. They are phrased in terms that modern youngsters can understand and appreciate, along with eye-catching illustrations and photographs throughout. Look for other Fulcrum books in this series: Keepers of the Earth, Keepers of Life and Keepers of the Night.

### **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Joseph Bruchac is a natural stort teller. This whole series is wonderful. I have used these books with children from the ages of four through fourteen. But of all of them the cassette of The Keepers of the Animals is my favorite and the only one that I cannot keep because I am continually giving it away. It is not only the quality of Bruchac's voice but also the cadence that he brings to the telling that adds a resonance, a native rhthym to the stories, that enhances understanding. This is the way

that these stories should be told and should be heard. Native American culture has a rich oral tradition and the sounds, the rhthyms of the language are an important part of the telling of a story. We may not have the sounds of the language per se except in the names but we can hear a little of the native cadence in Bruchac's delivery. These are wonderful tapes for small children and again this is my very favorite.

I've been lucky enough to see Michael Caduto perform theseNative stories in person. He brings Native beliefs to life inunexpected and delightful ways. The stories he and Josheph Bruchac have put together here do the same thing. They give young readers a chance to explore Native cultures while they learn and enjoy the stories! In addition to Native tales, this book provides factual information and activities on nature and animals. It's an outstanding resource for teachers, parents, and kids of all ages.

I discovered the "Keepers" series two years ago. At first I was unsure of the format, and it took me a while to appreciate all the activities, but now they are the foundation in my homeschool curriculum. The stories and activities are suitable for a wide range of ages so that they may be used for years with the same child. There is so much depth and insight to all of the Keepers books that it is a compliment to any style of homeschool. For naturalists, home schoolers, un-schoolers, classical educators or public schools - these books are absolutely a must for every child living in North America! I can't say enough about these books.

This entire series is excellent. I am using this along with Keepers of the Earth, Keepers of Life and Keepers of the Sky over two years for homeschooling. I plan to use some from each book during the two consecutive years for my 8 and 9 year old grandchildren. It deals beautifully with the difference between myth and science while helping the children understand how everything in nature is linked.

This is a book of respect, joy, awareness, and discovery. Its deep respect for animal life is matched by its joy in children's journeys of learning and connection. It is absolutely wonderful: thoughtful, engaging, and profound.

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