

This list includes publications that focus on research methods rooted in Indigenous worldviews, values, and knowledge systems, empowering communities, relationships, and cultural protocols, and ensuring that research serves Indigenous self-determination through methods such as storytelling, land-based learning, and relational accountability.

We welcome additional book [recommendations](#).

Absolon, K.E. (2022). *Kaandossiwin: How we come to know: Indigenous re-search methodologies*. (2nd ed.). Fernwood Publishing. (Original work published 2011).

Integrates research methods such as storytelling, ceremony, and reflexive practice with relationship accountability, describing Indigenous research methods and ethics as inseparable and oriented toward community wellbeing and resurgence.

Archibald, J. (2008). *Indigenous Storywork: Educating the heart, mind, body, and spirit*. UBC Press

Provides ethical guidance through Storywork principles: respect, responsibility, reciprocity, reverence, holism, interrelatedness, and synergy. It emphasizes protocols, consent, and relationship accountability, supports holistic interpretation and reflexive research practice, and reinforces storytelling as both a means of knowledge generation and an ethical practice.

Kimmerer, R.W. (2015). *Braiding sweetgrass: Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge and the teachings of plants*. Milkweed Editions.

Demonstrates how Indigenous research and ethics can be grounded in relationality, reciprocity, and respect for the natural world, as the author weaves Indigenous knowledge and Western science through storytelling. It includes relational and land-based ways of knowing, frames reciprocity and responsibility as core ethical commitments, and is grounded in humility and gratitude.

Kovach, M. (2021). *Indigenous methodologies: Characteristics, conversations, and contexts*. (2nd Ed.). University of Toronto Press. (Original work published 2010).

Provides it provides principles and practices of Indigenous methodology supported by relational, culturally grounded, and community-partnership and capacity-building.

Smith, L.T. (2021). *Decolonizing methodologies: Research and Indigenous peoples*. (3rd Ed). Zed Books. (Original work published 1999).

Conceptualizes Indigenous research methods as a decolonizing practice grounded in Indigenous epistemologies, where story, place, relationships, and cultural knowledge shape both research

design and methods. It emphasizes community-centred and participatory approaches that prioritize Indigenous self-determination, collective consent, and researcher positionality as core methodological considerations.

Wilson, S. (2008). *Research is ceremony: Indigenous research methods*. Fernwood Publishing. Explains that Indigenous research is grounded in relationality, where knowledge emerges through relationships with people, land, and spirit. It frames research as a ceremonial process guided by accountability, requiring respect, reciprocity, and responsibility to the community. Describes how Indigenous methods and ethics are inseparable, with ethical relationships shaping every stage of the research process.

Younging, G. (2025). *Elements of Indigenous style: A guide for writing by and about Indigenous peoples*. Second ed. Edmonton, Alberta: Brush Education Inc.

Reinforces that ethical representation, respectful language, adherence to protocol, and recognition of community authority are not only publishing standards but also methodological commitments in Indigenous research, shaping how knowledge is gathered, interpreted, and shared.