

Joseph Kakwinokanasum

2024 Indigenous Storyteller in Residence at Vancouver Public Library

Joseph Kakwinokanasum is a writer, creator, and born storyteller. A member of the James Smith Cree Nation, Joseph grew up in the Peace region of northern BC.

Joseph is a graduate of Simon Fraser University's **The Writer's Studio** and **The Writer's Studio Graduate Workshop**. He was selected by Darrel J. McLeod as one of **The Writers Trust of Canada's Rising Stars** of 2022. His short story, *Ray Says*, was a finalist for **CBC's Nonfiction Prize** in 2020 and his manuscript *Woodland Creatures* was awarded the **2014 Canada Council for the Arts Creation Grant for Aboriginal Peoples, Writers and Storytellers**.

His debut novel, *My Indian Summer*, loosely based on his own childhood, was the winner of the 2023-2024 **First Nations Communities READ Award** and shortlisted for the 2023 **ReLit Award** for fiction. His work has been published in the anthology *Resonance: Essays on the Craft and Life of Writing*, the *Humber Literary Journal*, and *Emerge*, The Writer's Studio anthology.

