



Picture Books

**Alone in the Forest**

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Craack! Booom! Crack! A terrible noise crashes through the woods midway through Musa's mission to fetch firewood for his mother. Cowering in the hollow of a tree, his eyes squeezed shut, Musa soon realizes that his fearful mindset might settle and pass. Tribal art lines the pages to reveal the crowded darkness of the forest, fierce faces of wild boars, and the proud work of Native American village life. Evolving slowly from darkness to light, the color scheme matches Musa's transition from terror into peace. Ages seven and up.

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