



# The Mi'kmaq Eight Pointed Star

Artwork and interpretation by Gerald Gloade, Mi'kmaq First Nations

The Eight Pointed Star is an adaptation of the original Seven Pointed Star which was the emblem historically used to symbolize the Seven Districts of the Mi'kmaq nation. The eighth point was added to represent the Crown, after the signing of treaties with Britain.

The 4 sacred colors and their arrangement, is a much longer story. In summary,

- White represents the North, land of ice and snow, where even the animals are white.
- Yellow represents the East, the land of the rising sun. Mi'kmaq are the 'People of the Dawn'.
- Red represents the South, the further you travel in Turtle Island (North America) the warmer it becomes.
- Black represents the West, which is where the sun must travel to give us night.

The 4 sacred colors also represent the 4 colours of Man - Black, White, Asian, and Natives; and the 4 stages of development – birth, youth, adulthood and senior.

In consultation with First Nations, the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library has chosen the Mi'kmaq Eight Pointed Star emblem to identify our Indigenous Collection holdings. ***To learn more about the collection and criteria, please read the other side of this card.***

# Indigenous Collection

As part of regular collection development the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library makes an effort to collect works by Indigenous authors and works with subject matter focusing on Indigenous topics. The library purchases material published in English as well as Indigenous languages. Special emphasis is made to collect works by or about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Canada and North America.

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## Spine Label

An Indigenous Collection spine label is applied to highlight works in the regional library collection that meet the following criteria:

- Materials that are printed in an Indigenous language.
- Any works by Indigenous authors/creators, including books, magazines, movies and so forth.
- Works by non-Indigenous authors when the material focuses primarily on Indigenous topics.



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