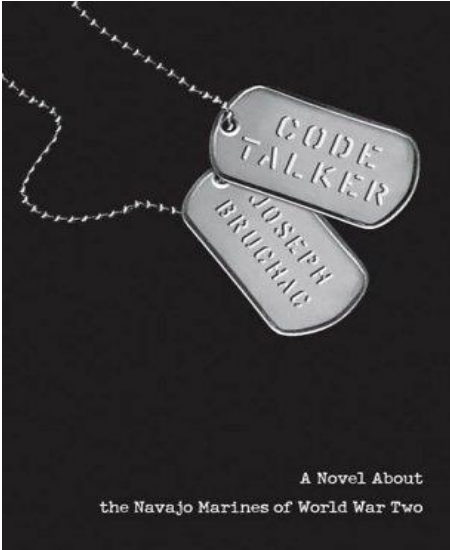
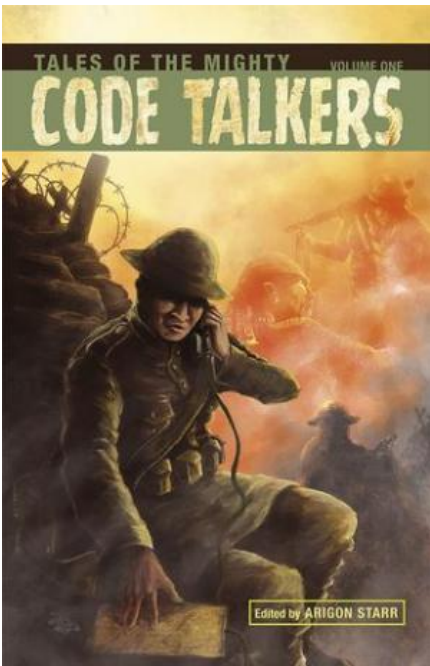
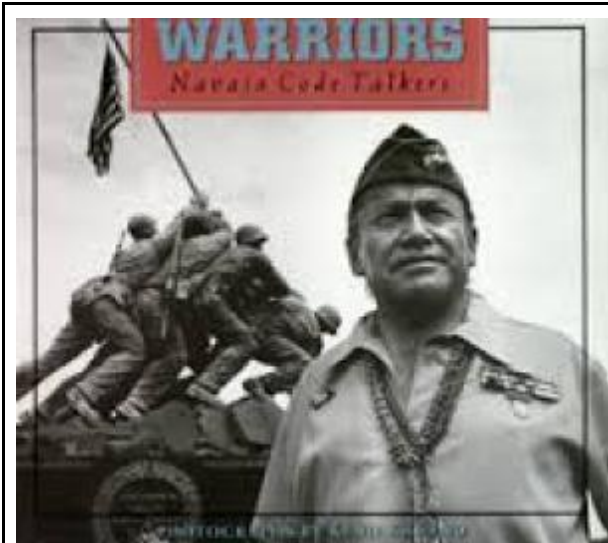


Text Set 4: Code Talkers

Summary: This collection contains fictionalized as well as true accounts of Native Code Talker. Diné (Navajo) Code Talkers are the most well known and the subject of most books, but there were Code Talkers from many other nations as well. The online exhibit from the National Museum of American Indian helps provide important historical context to these important stories.

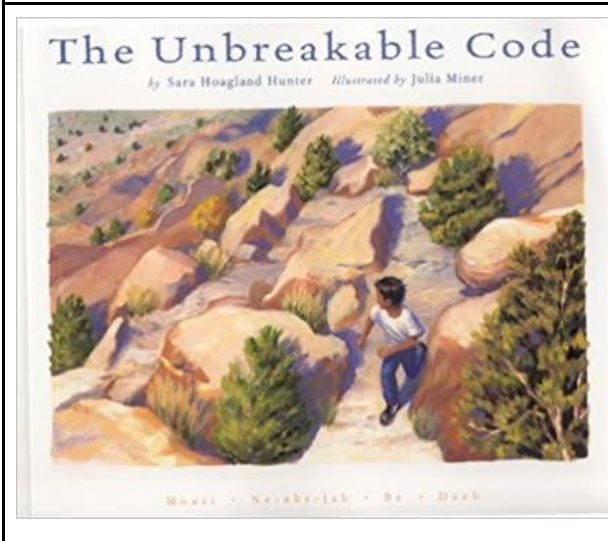
Books

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|  | <p>Bruchac, J. (2005). <i>Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two</i>. Dial. Novel, grades 5-7</p> <p>A fictionalized account, this book is narrated by Ned Begay, who recounts for his grandchildren his journey from the reservation to boarding school to the Marines as a code talker.</p> |
|  | <p>Starr, A. (Editor) (2016) <i>Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers (Volume 1)</i>. Native Realities Press. Graphic Novel.</p> <p>This is an edited collection of nine original stories by Indigenous artists and writers. The stories are presented in comic/graphic novel format, including one which features a woman as the protagonist as well as Code Talkers from several different nations.</p> |



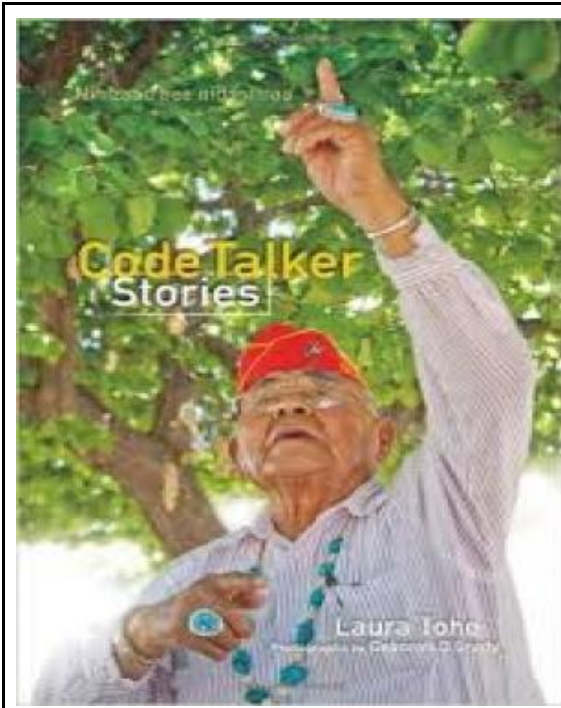
Kawano, K. (1990). *Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers*, foreword by Carl Gorman (Diné). Northland. Grades 6-Up.

Kenji Kawano served as the official photographer for the Navajo Code Talkers Association. This book pairs his photographs with interviews and quotes from the Code Talkers themselves.



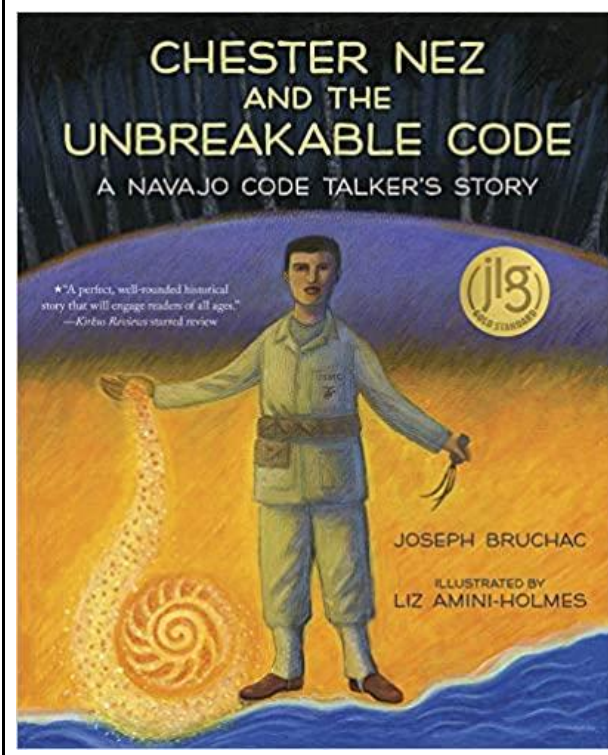
Hunter, S. H. (1996). *The Unbreakable Code*, illustrated by Julia Miner. Rising Moon/Northland. Picturebook.

Similar to Bruchac's novel, in this picturebook, a Diné grandfather recounts to his grandson the story of his time as a code talker, in order to remind his grandson of his enduring connection to the land and people.



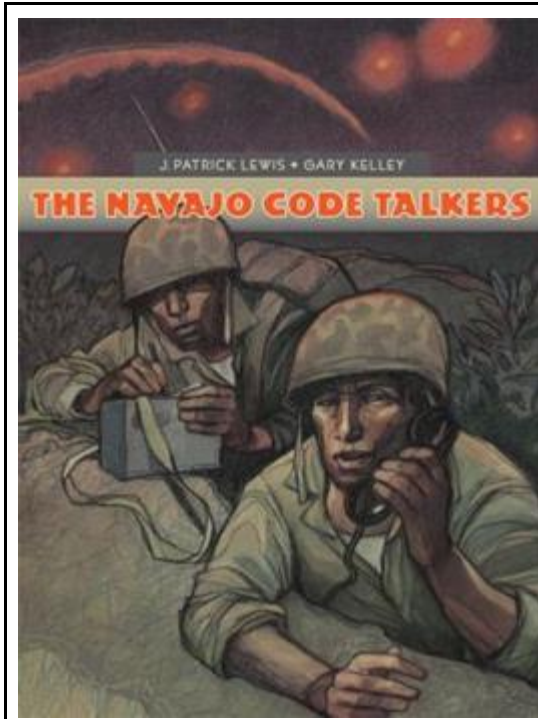
Tohe, L. (Ed). (2012). *Code Talker Stories*. Rio Nuevo.

This is an edited collection of first-person accounts from Code Talkers, gathered by Laura Tohe, Navajo Nation Poet Laureate and daughter of a Code Talker.



Bruchac, J. (2018). *Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story*. Illustrated by Liz Amini-Holmes. Albert Whitman. Picturebook.

This biography tells the story of Betoli, whose name was changed to Chester at boarding school, and who later served in World War II as a Code Talker. The book includes acknowledgement of the lasting traumatic effects of war, and how Diné traditional knowledge helped Chester move past his time at war.



Lewis, J.P. & Kelley, G. *The Navajo Code Talkers*. Creative Editions. Picturebook.

This informational text tells the story of Diné Code Talkers broadly, including specific details and examples about how the code worked

Multimedia:

National Museum of the American Indian online exhibit:
<https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/code-talkers/>

Teacher guide to NMAI online exhibit: <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/code-talkers/assets/resources/code-talkers-about-teacher.pdf>

National Archives resources: <https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/military/code-talkers.html>

Photos by Kenji Kawano, author of *Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers*:
<https://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/06/25/kenji-kawano-40-years-with-the-navajo/#slideshow/100000003761683/100000003761874>

Video of a presentation by Laura Tohe, author of *Code Talker Stories* and daughter of a Code Talker: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLHC2wSmkMc>

Information for the US Navy Memorial with links to video-recorded interviews with Chester Nez: <https://www.navy memorial.org/tales-from-the-navy-log/2020/8/14/talking-code-honoring-service-remembering-the-navajo-code-talkers>

Video of Interview with Code Talker Thomas Begay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaqz-QdHjPE>

Video of Interview with Code Talker Peter MacDonald Sr: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9UtAjvEU_M

Video of Interview about Indigenous Storytelling with Arigon Starr of *Tales of the Might Code Talkers (Volume One)*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KclEr8o-jqA>

Review of books about Code Talkers from the American Indians in Children's Literature Blog: <https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/2016/12/highly-recommended-tales-of-mighty-code.html>

Video of Interview with author Joseph Bruchac: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taPoqvUpbZo>

Information about Hopi Code Talkers

<https://www.knau.org/post/hopi-code-talkers-speak-out-recognition>