

The Story of Residential Schools

This book tells a painful story.

This is a story of loss.

For Canada, this is a shameful story.

It is also a story about the response to a sacred call.

It is a story about Canadian colonialism.

It is a complicated story.

It is a story of humility and the possibility of change.

Most importantly, this story is a tribute to Aboriginal resilience: a determination not just to endure, but to flourish.

It is a story about how, in crucial ways, our schools failed all of us.

This is a story of destruction carried out in the name of civilization.

This is our story and Canada's story.

This story is not over.