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CBC Canada Reads 2021 Award-winning Author, Joshua Whitehead, Eagerly Anticipated in Virtual Event, Monday, June 21st 7:00 pm

Milton Public Library is thrilled to host CBC Canada Reads 2021 Winner, **Joshua Whitehead Monday, June 21 at 7pm** for a special virtual event on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Joshua Whitehead (he/him) is a Two-Spirit, Oji-nêhiyaw member of Peguis First Nation (Treaty 1). He is currently a Ph.D. candidate, lecturer, and Killam scholar at the University of Calgary where he studies Indigenous literatures and cultures with a focus on gender and sexuality. He is the author of *full-metal indigiqueer* which was shortlisted for the inaugural Indigenous Voices Award and the Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry. He is also the author of *Jonny Appleseed* which was long listed for the Giller Prize, shortlisted for the Indigenous Voices Award, the Governor General's Literary Award, the Amazon Canada First Novel Award, the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award, and won the Lambda Literary Award for Gay Fiction and the Georges Bugnet Award for Fiction.

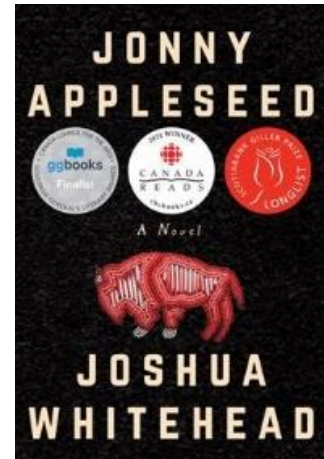
He will take to the virtual stage to discuss his brand new book, *Jonny Appleseed*, **Monday, June 21 at 7pm** with an introduction by **Adam van Koeverden, MP**. *Jonny Appleseed* is a national bestseller with many accolades including the **2021 CBC Canada Reads Award** as championed by Devery Jacobs, a Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) actress.

Earlier in the day, MPL will host an engaging presentation by Canadian Métis children's author and literacy advocate, **David Bouchard**. Through Native flutes, storytelling and his award winning books, David will direct children to the source of the best stories: their Grandparents, their teachers and books. (Event is free and registration is open at beinspired.ca). Joshua Whitehead will close out Indigenous Peoples Day with an exciting discussion about *Jonny Appleseed* that won't disappoint.

"We are so excited to host the incredibly talented author Joshua Whitehead during Pride Month and Indigenous History Month. Milton Public Library celebrates our 2SLGBTQIA+ community all year long, and is especially proud to share this event on National Indigenous Peoples Day," said Lee Puddehatt, Manager of Public Service.

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Tickets for the event are **free** and **registration is now open**: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/an-evening-with-author-8/register>



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