

Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection

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Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- **Before reading:** browse at the many stories in this collection. Decide which one you want to read first and think about why you chose that one.
- **While reading,** consider how the graphic nature of this text both helps you as a reader and how it may distract or confuse you.

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- Trickster tales are meant to be told. Choose one, practice retelling it giving personality to each character and when ready try out your storytelling talents on a friend or family member.
- Think of a story that gets retold in your family or among your friends. Create your story using this graphic novel format.

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- These stories are all Native American tales. Which ones seem familiar? See if you can find other cultures who have similar tales. What is alike? What is different?
- Notice that the author consulted with Native Americans in the development of this text. Imagine how they may have felt when approached by a white author asking for help in creating an authentic collection of Native American myths. See if you can learn more about how Matt Dembicki developed relationships to create this powerful collaboration. His collaborators are named on pages 226-230.

