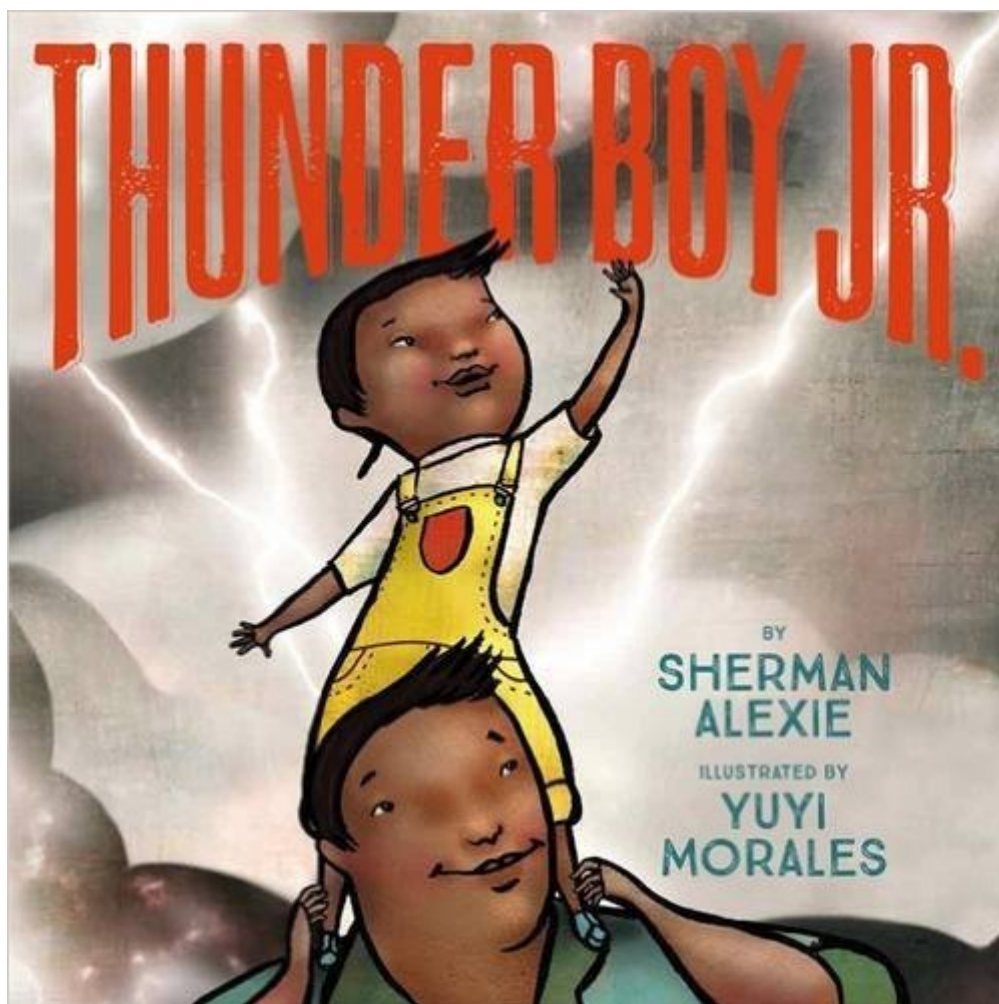


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## Thunder Boy Jr.



## Synopsis

Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick the perfect name...a name that is sure to light up the sky. National Book Award-winner Sherman Alexie's lyrical text and Caldecott Honor-winner Yuyi Morales's striking and beautiful illustrations celebrate the special relationship between father and son.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Beautifully & dynamically illustrated by Yuyi Morales, this book inspires me to seek out more of her work. The kids and I loved Sherman Alexie's storytelling and humor. (The boy's secret about his name made them gasp, and his description of what "Little Thunder" sounds like made them laugh so hard it nearly derailed bedtime.)

I pretty much love everything this man does. So fun to have seen him grow and change as an

author. There are few good children's picture books about Native Americans (although the set of leveled readers by a Canadian woman are excellent) and I need them in my classroom. Thankful for this heartwarming story about a child seeking his own identity and the strength of family. Excellent.

Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his father who is known as Big Thunder. But Thunder Boy wants a more normal name, like Sam which is what his mother wanted to name him. People call him Little Thunder, which sounds like a burp or a fart. Thunder Boy hates his name and wants one that is all his own. He thinks of other names that would be more cool and would speak to what he has done in life. He doesn't know how to tell his father that he wants a different name, but his father may understand a lot more than Thunder Boy thinks. Amazing, amazing, amazing. Alexie proves here that he can write for children with a voice that is clear and resonant. He writes almost like a poem, one that dances and moves. There is not a classic structure to the book, which makes it a treat to read. One isn't quite sure where it is going to head next. There is the whimsical part there Thunder Boy is thinking of new names that shows again and again the actual power of his real name. Then his father steps in, showing his son that he understands him and builds upon the name he has been given. It is a book that takes you on a journey and by the end ties it all together. Morales' illustrations are luminous. She captures the emotions clearly with characters who pop against calm patterned backgrounds. The characters shine with an internal light that is very compelling. On every page, parenting with warmth and love is shown, just like it is in the story itself. A powerful and beautiful picture book that respects modern American Indian culture and families. This book belongs in every library. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

This is a picture book that leaves you with a big smile on your face. I have loved Sherman Alexie's work up to this point, and Thunder Boy Jr. is icing on the cake. Not only that, but it sets a small child's imagination afire, considering new names not only for him or her, but also for others. I'm so glad this book exists!!!

My 5 year old son has been asking about Native Americans, and I wanted to get him a book that showed NA in a contemporary setting. This did that, along with gorgeous illustrations, and a really cute message. I adored it. It made me laugh, and my son giggled throughout it too. We have fun saying the names together. Great book. :)

I got my copy yesterday and read it to my 4 year old grandson after I picked him up after preschool.

As I suspected, he roared with laughter with what people think of with a name of Little Thunder. I had to read that page a dozen times!

I've admired Sherman Alexie for his writing and perspective for a long time. I bought both grandson's this book....although they are middle school students and beyond picture books, I wanted to introduce them to his unique perspective and skill. Just as all children should read books about children of all different races and religions, all children should understand the vitality within the current American Indian community.

This is my favorite new kids' book. There are very few books about kids and their dads, and even fewer for kids of color and even fewer about Native kids. But that's not even all of why I love it. The illustrations are super dynamic, and the text is rich but not wordy, funny, sweet, and incredibly poignant. My kids (3 & 5) love it too!

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