

FOUR DENE TALES

# THE RAINBOW THE MIDWIFE & THE BIRDS

BY RAYMOND YAKELEYA

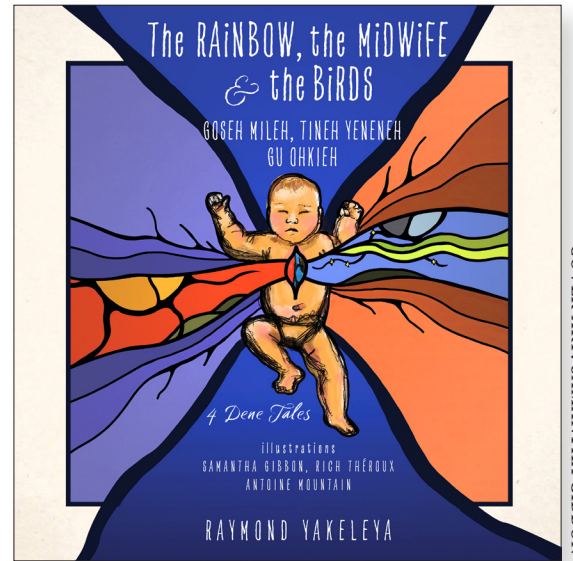
This book contains four Dene First Nation stories, as experienced by Raymond Yakeleya. “Flight Through the Rainbow” is about flying in a small plane through a rainbow, and tells a legend of how spiders catch drops of colour in their webs. “The Midwife” is a story told to Raymond by his Granny Harriet about bringing the spirit of babies into the world. “The Slingshot and the Songbird” is about a boy’s contrition over killing a friendly songbird. “The Medicine Brothers,” told to Raymond by his uncle George Blondin, is about giant birds when the world was new. **“The Rainbow” is also an animated film, video game, and phone app, available to view and play by following this QR code from the book.**



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Raymond Yakeleya is an award-winning Dene author and television producer and director. Documentary films he has made have been selected for showings

at festivals around the world. Books he has written and edited are *The Tree by the Woodpile*, *We Remember the Coming of the White Man*, and the upcoming *Indigenous Justice*. Originally from Tulita in the Northwest Territories, he now calls Edmonton, Alberta home. Says Raymond, “Indigenous Peoples need to have a voice in mainstream media in order to tell our stories, our way. With the passing of many of our Elders, the telling of these stories has become more important.”



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