

PRINTS by Joseph Bruchac

Seeing photos  
of ancestors  
a century past

is like looking  
at your own  
fingerprints —

circles  
and lines  
you can't  
recognize

until someone else  
with a stranger's eye  
looks close and says  
that's you.



**Joseph Bruchac** was born in Greenfield Center, New York. He earned his BA from Cornell University, MA from Syracuse, and PhD in comparative literature from the Union Institute of Ohio. He is the author of more than 120 books for adults and children, including *Tell Me a Tale: A Book About Storytelling* (1997); *The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story* (1993); *Keepers of the Earth* (1988), which he coauthored with Michael Caduto; his autobiography, *Bowman's Store: A Journey to Myself* (1997); and novels for young readers such as *Dawn Land* (1993) and *The Heart of a Chief* (1998).

In his work, Bruchac explores his Abenaki ancestry and Native American storytelling traditions. His honors and awards include fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as a Cherokee Nation Prose Award, a Knickerbocker Award, a Hope S. Dean Award for Notable Achievement in Children's Literature, and both Writer of the Year and Storyteller of the Year awards from the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas.