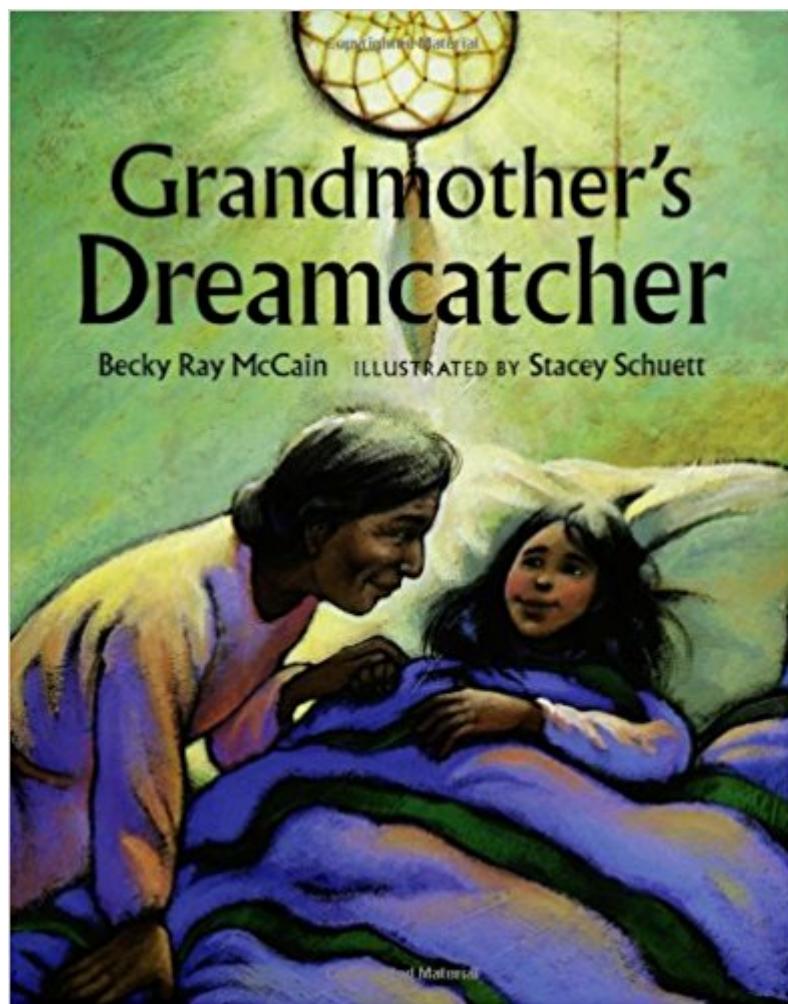


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# Grandmother's Dreamcatcher



## **Synopsis**

While Kimmy's parents look for a house close to Daddy's job, Kimmy stays with her Chippewa grandmother. The bad dreams she has had still bother her. But with her grandmother's help, she learns about dreamcatchers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"A Chippewa girl's bad dreams are kept at bay by a dreamcatcher in this straightforward story. The paintings convincingly convey tenderness among the family members, as well as the narrator's anxiety," said PW. Ages 5-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 2-Kimmy is taken to stay with her Chippewa grandmother while her parents find a new place to live. Bad dreams and fear for her mother and father constantly disturb the child's sleep until Grandmother tells her the legend of the dreamcatcher, which is intended to capture bad dreams and allow good ones to make their way back to the dreamer. Kimmy is comforted after she and Grandmother construct a dreamcatcher from found materials. The two spend the rest of the week fishing, making presents, and enjoying being together. The acrylic-and-gouache illustrations are bright and appealing, and each character has unique features and expressions. The text is short and suitable for reading aloud. However, the fact that Kimmy does not recognize a dreamcatcher

seems odd since both sides of her family are Chippewa. Nonetheless, this is a sensitive and attractive story. Directions for making a dreamcatcher are included. Mary B. McCarthy, Windsor Severance Library District, CO Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I live near many Indian reservations and one of my friends asked me to get her some dream catchers for her children. I did as asked, and they loved them. Later I was asked for more, so I decided to find a book on dreamcatchers for them to read to their children, as they were obviously very interested in the subject. This is just a lovely book I will be proud to give to my friends.

This is a wonderful book. Perfect child-friendly illustrations. Clear and interesting text. It arrived just in time to save my three-year-old from some nasty stereotyping she was absorbing from somewhere, probably preschool, as I screen media pretty thoroughly for this sort of thing. It was great to be able to show modern Native Americans with recognizable traditions and normal lives within an interesting story.

This was the perfect way to introduce the dream catcher to my son. After reading the book in the middle of the afternoon he wanted to try it out. He took a two hour nap and he never naps. Read the book and pray over the dream catcher. It is a God send.

I really expected to have the story told as the Native American story is told. Rather disappointed, I will be printing off the Ojibwa story from the internet to be included as gifts to my grand children.

This book is a great story about dream catcher and nightmares. This grandma helps her granddaughter learn about her native heritage and get over had dreams. Not many books about the Ojibwe tribe so we really enjoyed this book.

I bought a dream catcher for my 5 year old grand daughter and also purchased this book. She loved it. I had to read it twice. I'll bet next time she comes over I'll be reading this book again.

This could have used some editing, for starters... We bought this because our 7 year old was having nightmares and we wanted to get her a dreamcatcher and a book explaining the legend to go with it. I was debating between this and a book with a bunch of Native American legends that included the

dreamcatcher one among them, and I really wish I had gone with the latter option. It was difficult to read with the terrible editing (we'd have to pause in the middle of the story to figure out what it was supposed to be saying before we could continue), and the legend itself was smooshed in between some trite, pointless story. We haven't reread it since, because once she got the concept of the story there was no need to revisit that drivel. Glad she loves her dreamcatcher, though! Like I said, if you're interested in the legend (whether for your child's cultural enrichment or if you want something to go with a dreamcatcher), you'd be much better off getting a book that has a bunch of legends that you can come back to over and over again.

I gave our granddaughter a dream catcher and the book and she loved her gifts. I liked the list on the last page with instructions to make a dream catcher and will make one.

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