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My First Métis Lobstick
Written and Illustrated by Leah Marie Dorion
Norman Fleury (Michif translation/narration)
Leah Marie Dorion (English narration)
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The Gabriel Dumont Institute is pleased to announce the publication of **My First Métis Lobstick**, a children's book for primary-aged readers.

Leah Marie Dorion's My First Métis Lobstick takes young readers back to Canada's fur trade era by focusing on a Métis family's preparations for a lobstick celebration and feast in the boreal forest. Through the eyes of a young boy, we see how important lobstick making and ceremony was to the Métis community. From the Great Lakes to the present-day Northwest Territories, lobstick poles—important cultural and geographical markers, which merged Cree, Ojibway, and French-Canadian traditions—dotted the landscape of our great northern boreal forest. This little known aspect of Métis history vividly comes to life through Leah Marie Dorion's crisp prose and stunning gallery-quality artwork.

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