

Charlotte's New Moccasins

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About the Book

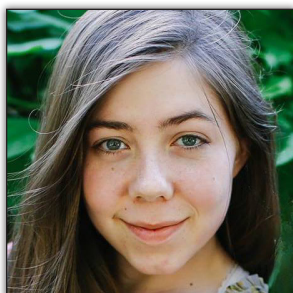
Charlotte has outgrown her moccasins, so she and her Mom head to Grandma's for new ones. Grandma teaches Charlotte how to make her new mocs step-by-step, and she learns a valuable skill from her beloved elder in this heartwarming multigenerational story.

A contemporary celebration of Native culture, tradition, and family. Highly relatable for Indigenous kids and any kid that has ever outgrown their favorite thing to wear.



About the Author

Jenn Moudahi is a Métis author, clinical counselor, and mom. Jenn lives in Western Canada with her husband, two kids, and two purrfect cats. This is her first picture book.



About the Illustrator

Rhael McGregor is a Winnipeg-based Métis and Two-Spirit/queer artist. They love the winter, sweet treats, and doing beadwork for family and friends. They also illustrated *Noodin's Perfect Day*.

Discussion Questions

Use these conversation starters to get kids thinking and learning.

Pre-reading

1. After looking at the cover of the book and reading the title, ask kids what they think *Charlotte's New Moccasins* is about. Write their responses on chart paper.
2. What are moccasins? How are they similar to or different from other kinds of footwear?
3. Look closely at some of the items on the cover. What role do kids think these items will play in the story?

Post-reading

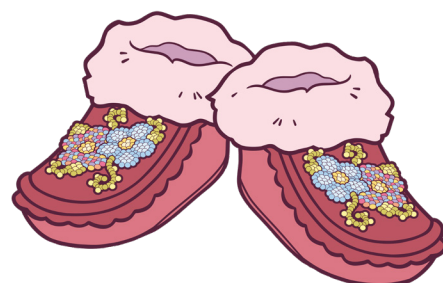
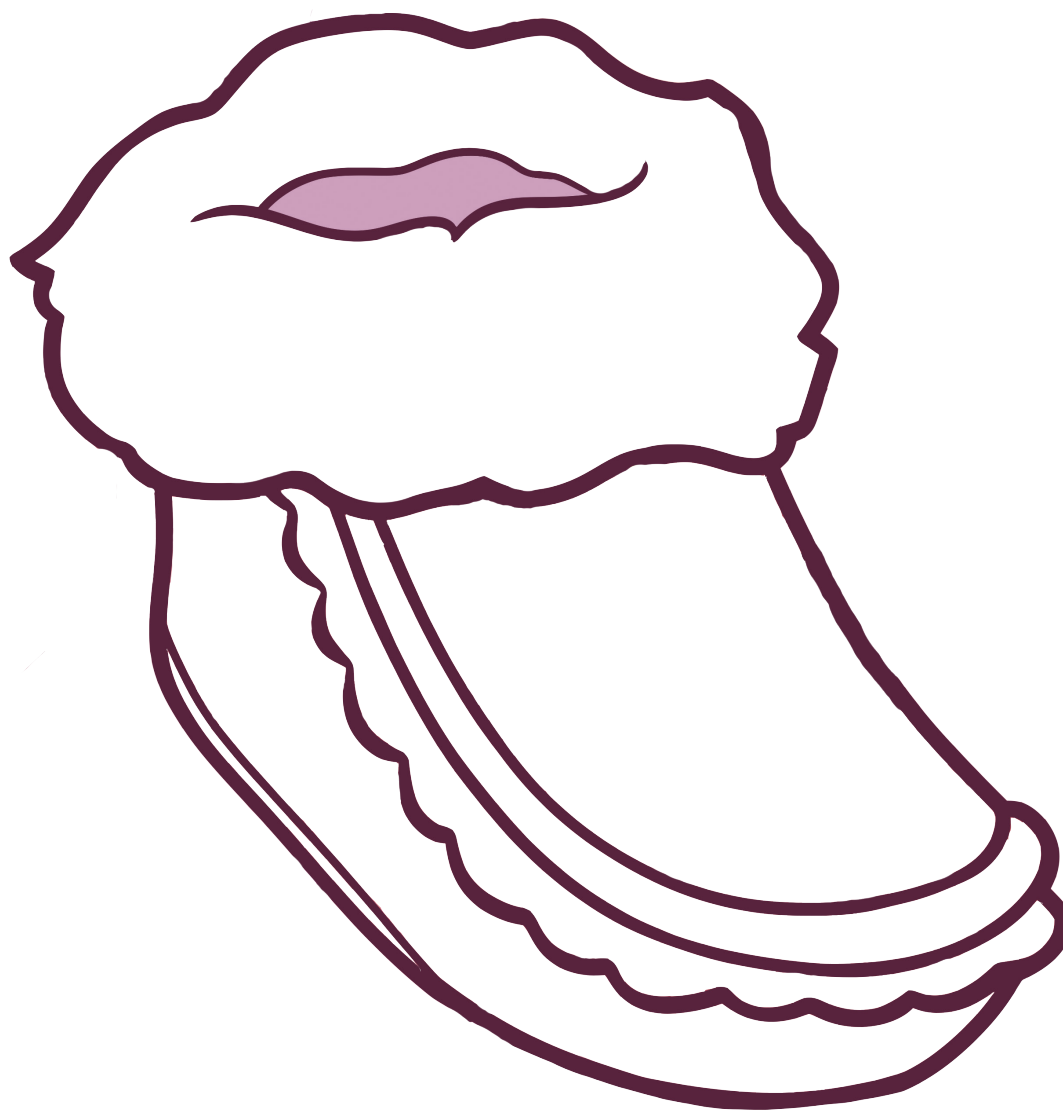
1. Revisit the predictions kids made before reading. What predictions (if any) were correct? Did *Charlotte's New Moccasins* surprise them?
2. How does Charlotte feel about outgrowing her old moccasins? Have kids ever outgrown an item they really loved? What helped them say goodbye to the outgrown item?
3. Charlotte's grandma has a special nickname for her. Do kids have nicknames, perhaps special ones that are used only by a particular person or group? Where do their nicknames come from?
4. Charlotte gets to help her grandma make a new pair of moccasins. What are some ways that kids help the grown-ups in their lives? Did anything surprise kids about the way moccasins are made?
5. What are some of the choices Charlotte gets to make about her new moccasins? When kids make a piece of art, a toy, a card, a sign, or something else, what kind of choices do they make?
6. What is the meaning of the flower beadwork on Charlotte and Grandma's moccasins? How did Charlotte and Grandma choose the colors of the beadwork for Charlotte's new moccasins?
7. Read "About Moccasins Then and Now" and "Facts About Moccasins" in the back of the book. Where did moccasins originate? Who wears moccasins today? Revisit the answers to question 2 in the pre-reading section; what have kids learned about moccasins after reading this book?

My Beadwork Design

Name: _____

Date: _____

Use the outline below to design your own beadwork pattern for a pair of moccasins!



Word Search

Name: _____

Date: _____

E	L	B	U	I	S	X	M	B	F
T	U	G	L	M	A	T	O	E	G
O	N	R	C	C	W	O	C	S	L
E	S	A	H	R	K	F	C	W	E
I	K	N	S	W	E	G	A	J	A
N	A	D	B	E	A	D	S	H	T
S	L	M	R	L	M	C	I	O	H
H	P	A	T	T	E	R	N	T	E
R	T	Q	B	D	N	J	F	U	R
D	O	H	E	E	L	A	Z	L	M

GRANDMA
MOCCASIN
PATTERN

LEATHER
FUR
BEADS

TOE
HEEL
WELT

Charlotte's New Moccasins

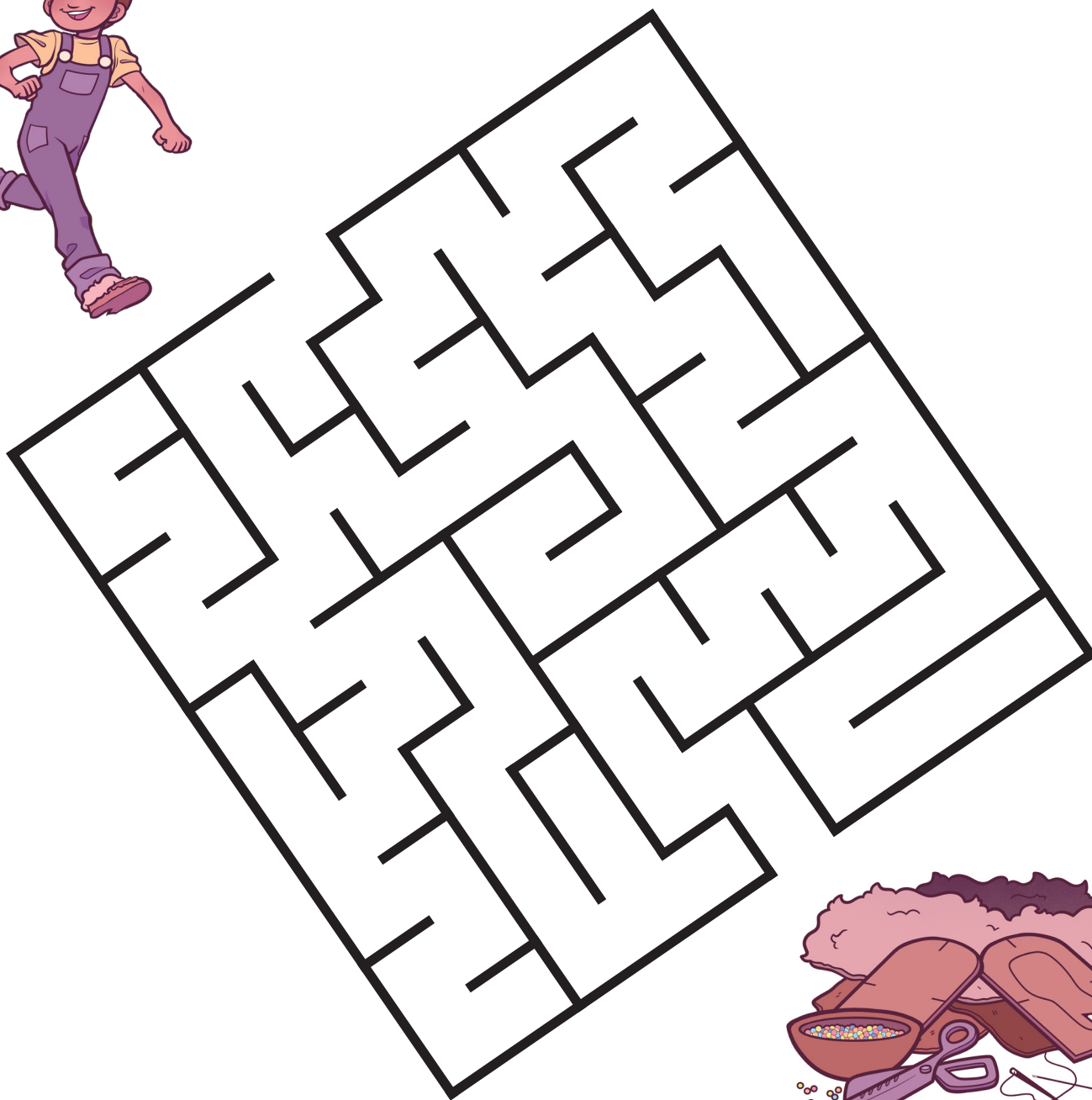
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Find the Beads

Name: _____

Date: _____

Help Charlotte find the beads to finish her moccasins!



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Further Reading

Make connections and enrich the learning experience with these additional resources!

About Indigenous People and Cultures

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