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Shivwits Paiute Indian Reservation making sure I portrayed the Paiute culture accurately and with respect. The story acquired new layers from the details they shared with me." In addition to researching cultural connections, Terry spent time with archeologists, museum curators and consulted geologists in writing the story.

Young readers will gather a sense of the culture within the story, but in the appended pages they will learn all about how the Hoodoos are shaped through erosion. A simple ice wedging experiment is a fun way to explore how water is able to create the rock shapes. For educators, a teaching activities guide, quizzes and alignment to standards are available on arbordalepublishing.com for easy classroom implementation.

Vivian and the Legend of the Hoodoos is available for pre-order through Arbordale Publishing, local bookstores, and online retailers in hardcover, paperback, and ebook. A Spanish language edition is also available in paperback and ebook.

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Connecting with Culture

Local author releases picture book rooted in Utah's history.

Join Vivian as she learns about her Paiute heritage in author Terry Catasús Jennings' new picture book *Vivian and the Legend of the Hoodoos*, available at your local bookstore on February 10th.

It's time to pick the pine nuts, a Paiute tradition, but Vivian has basketball tryouts on her mind. Instead of gathering the nuts respectfully, Vivian pretends she's playing her favorite game. Her grandma shares a very special place with Vivian. Through a beautifully illustrated sequence, Vivian can see how her ancestors lived and how the legend of the hoodoos originated. She comes to understand our link to the land and why it is important to be respectful.

This is a very personal story for Terry; she spends her winters exploring Utah's geology and searching for ruins, petroglyphs and pictographs left by the Ancient Ones. "During a visit to Bryce Canyon, I learned about the Legend of the Hoodoos. The Book almost wrote itself," said Terry. "I spent time with the elders at the



Terry Catasús Jennings has won several prestigious children's book awards, for her books *Gopher to the Rescue*, *Sounds of the Savanna*, and middle-grade book, *The Women's Liberation Movement, 1960-1990*. Terry has been a contributor to *The Washington Post*, *Long Island News Day*, and *Ranger Rick*. She and her husband live in Northern Virginia.



Since childhood, Phyllis Saroff has brought together her loves of science and art. In addition to her books with Arbordale, Phyllis has illustrated many nonfiction books about the natural world. She also illustrates for children's magazines, wayside signs and other educational material. Phyllis works digitally and with oil paint. Phyllis lives in Maryland.