

A murder mystery that will keep readers on their toes

Padoskoks

A Jacob Neptune Murder Mystery

By Joseph Bruchac

With a bang—or rather, a barrage—Jacob Neptune finds his remote cabin in the Adirondacks besieged by a gun-toting gang of murderous bikers. With the help of his supersized sidekick Dennis, the hard-headed, wise-cracking Abenaki private detective traces the source of his troubles to a former adversary who is now running an Indian casino.

In short order, the friends are drawn into a dangerous mystery that will call upon all of Jake's skills as a martial arts expert, former special forces soldier, and—in the Abenaki tradition—a *metoulin*, one who can see beneath the surface of things through dreams and visions. Their investigation takes them to the Pacific Northwest, dead center in a vicious game involving tribal intrigue, a crooked casino, Chinese billions, a captive killer whale—and a series of murders and disappearances that may be linked to the monster known by Jake's people as Padoskoks, the giant underwater serpent.

Like *Chenoo*, the first in the Jacob Neptune series, *Padoskoks* has an explosive start and keeps gathering speed, giving readers a glimpse of the ancient wisdom and Native customs swirling just under the surface as the action-packed plot barrels toward its natural, if startling, conclusion.

Abenaki writer, poet, and storyteller **Joseph Bruchac** has published more than 170 books during his distinguished career, including the best-selling *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II*.

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