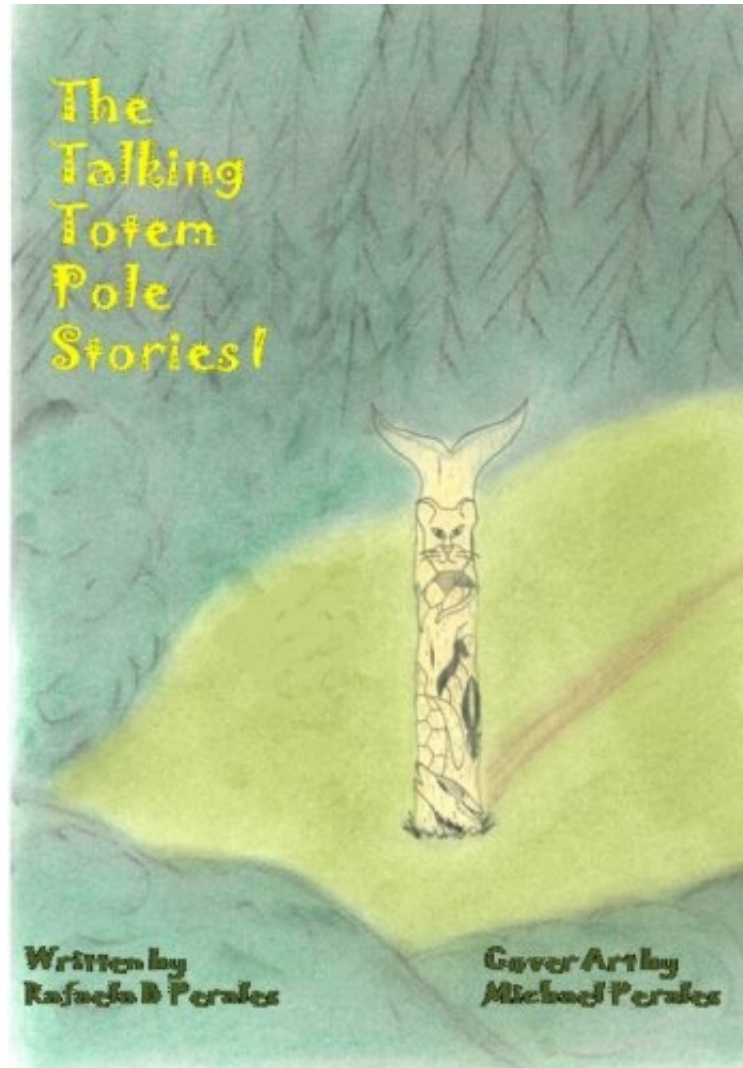


## The Talking Totem Pole Stories I

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Steven lives in the city with his parents. On a special vacation with them, he begins a new adventure that takes him to a Reservation. There he meets the Grandfather, who is so old nobody knows his age. Red Feather, his cousin, is a big surprise. Grandfather introduces Steven to The Talking Totem Pole. He instructs Steven to place his hand on any carved animal he chooses. Steven reaches out, places his hand on a carving, and the magic and adventure begins. On his visit he is taught many things that open his eyes to the Old Ways, dreaming, magic, and the wonders of the natural world. Steven is shown how to take the knowledge of the Old Ways and relate them to every day modern living. He learns how to build a bridge between both worlds. This is a story for the child in all of us. It answers many questions that we can all have. Using a combination of the old and the new, along with facts and magic, these questions are answered. I believe we all need a little magic in our lives. Follow Steven and Red Feather as they continue to grow, and learn, from Grandfather and the animals, in the continuing saga of The Talking Totem Pole Stories contained in future books.

About the Author Rafaela B. Perales was born in Long Beach, CA; raised in Wilmington, CA a graduate of Phineas Banning High School. Moving to Coeur d'Alene, ID with her young son, she spent five years there. She then went on to raise her son, Michael, in Prescott, AZ where she has been for the past twenty-six years. A cat was placed in her crib when she came home from the hospital at birth and she has enjoyed a special closeness to animals, of all kinds, ever since. It matters not if an animal walks on four legs, flies, swims, or crawls, she loves them all. The grandmother of three knows the joy of growing old, but not fully growing up. Raising her son with truth, she believes that it is always important not to answer a child's questions with "because." That, she knows, is not an answer. She doesn't pretend to know all the answers, but that is because she does not know all the questions. No subject should be taboo to a child as long as it is discussed "con cariño." This is done with love, caring, compassion, and understanding. A voracious reader since she was a child, she began writing poetry at ten years of age. Receiving several awards for her poetry, she has also contributed her work to Sky Woman: Indigenous Women Who Have Shaped, Moved, or Inspired Us. Theytus Books (September 27, 2005)