

# WHY RU STILL HERE?



A LILLIAN MYSTERY  
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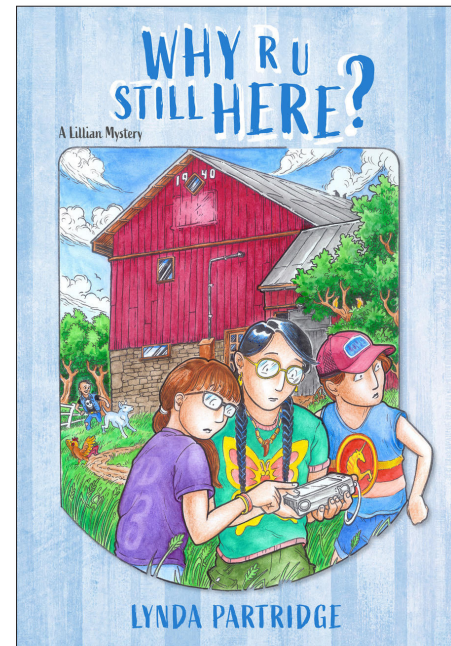


*Why RU Still Here?* continues the story of Lillian & Kokomis, the award-winning book about a complex and not-always-lovable foster kid. In *Why RU Still Here?* Lillian furthers her sense of belonging through her connection with a surprising spirit that returns her to traditional ways, legends, and Indigenous ways of knowledge. She and her buddies also uncover the mystery of ghosts and spirits that live behind a window at the family farm.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lynda Partridge is a member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. She grew up in the child welfare system and spent her childhood in numerous non-Indigenous foster homes. At a later age she obtained an honours Bachelor of Social Work (Native Human Services), followed by a Masters of Social Work Degree. It was while obtaining her undergraduate degree that she found her birth family and reconnected to her Indigenous culture. This experience led her to the field of Indigenous child welfare.



## Praise for Lillian & Kokomis

“With gentle empathy and joyous hope, Lynda Partridge paints the heartbreaking realities lived by far too many young people. She describes what is possible when we provide opportunities for generations to heal and lead us forward.”

—SENATOR KIM PATE, *Senate of Canada*

“.. it is now time to rise up and take this responsibility back to being natural helpers, and to nurture our children who are struggling.” — ROBIN DECONTIE *Director, Kitigan Zibi Health and Social Services*

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