

# Trickster Tails



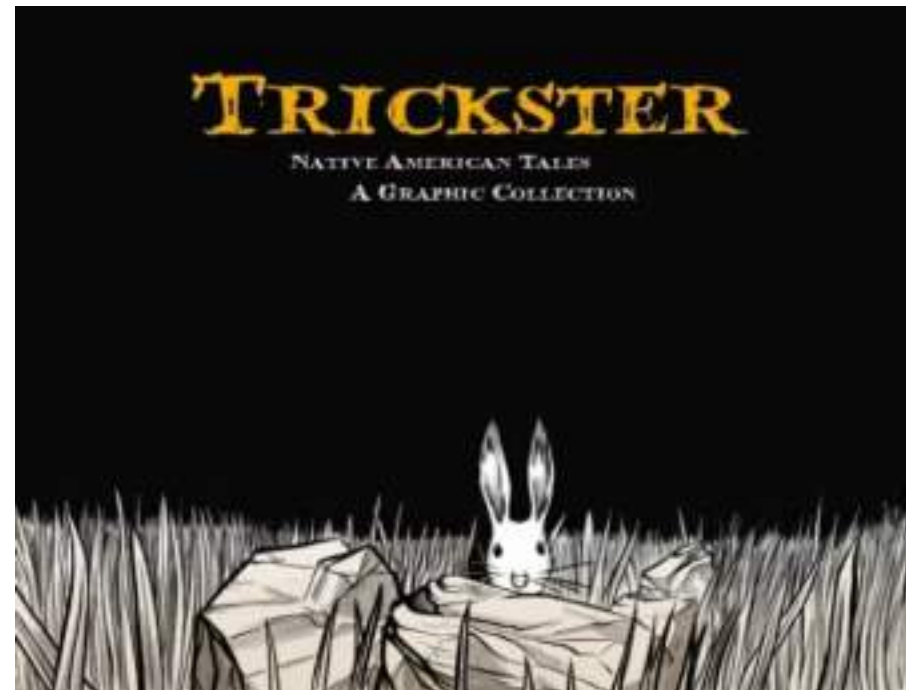
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“MEET THE TRICKSTER, A CRAFTY CREATURE OR BEING WHO DISRUPTS THE ORDER OF THINGS, OFTEN HUMILIATING OTHERS AND SOMETIMES HIMSELF IN THE PROCESS. WHETHER A COYOTE OR A RABBIT, RACCOON OR RAVEN, TRICKSTERS USE CUNNING TO GET FOOD, STEAL PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS, OR SIMPLY CAUSE MISCHIEF.”



# Trickster Spirits and the Opioid Response



# Traditional Indigenous Knowledge



- ▶ “a cumulative body of knowledge, know-how, practices and representations maintained and developed by peoples with extended histories of interaction with the natural environment”
  - ▶ (International Council of Science, 2002, pg.3)



# “Chanspo Ikhvnanchi”



- ▶ Original instructions
- ▶ Relational restructuring
- ▶ Narrative transformation



# Survivance

- ▶ : “...an active sense of presence, the continuance of native stories, not a mere reaction, or a survivable name. Native survivance stories are renunciations of dominance, tragedy, and victimry.”
  - ▶ (Vizenor, 1994, pg. vii).

