



## Good for Nothing

By Michel Noel

GROUNDWOOD BOOKS, Canada, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 173 x 107 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The year is 1959, and fifteen-year-old Nipishish returns to his reserve in northern Quebec after being kicked out of residential school, where the principal tells him he can look forward, like all Native Americans, to a life of drunkenness, prison, and despair. But despite his new freedom, the reserve offers little to a young Métis man. Both his parents are dead, his father Shipu, a respected leader, dying mysteriously at a young age. When Nipishish is sent to a strange town to live with a white family and attend high school, he hopes for the new life the change promises. But despite some bright spots ? a simpatico teacher, a part-time job, a possible girlfriend ? the adjustments prove overwhelming. Forced to return to his people, he must try to rediscover the old ways, face the officials who find him a threat, and learn the truth about his fathers death. Michel Noël s vibrant writing brings Nipishish s story ? and the ongoing struggle of native communities ? to life in this powerful tale.

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