

# THE HAUDENOSAUNEE THANKSGIVING

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Let us bring our minds together as one  
as we send greetings and thanks to

Each other as people. In these  
gathered faces, we see that the  
cycles of life continue.

Our Mother the Earth, for she gives  
us everything that we need for life.

The waters of the world that  
nurture life for all beings and  
all the fish life in the water.

The vast fields of plant life—  
the berries, the trees, and the  
medicine herbs of the world.

The edible plants we harvest  
from the garden, especially  
the Three Sisters.

The beautiful animal life of the  
world and all the birds who move  
and fly about over our heads.

The powers we know as the Four Winds,  
who purify the air we breathe and help  
to bring the change of seasons.

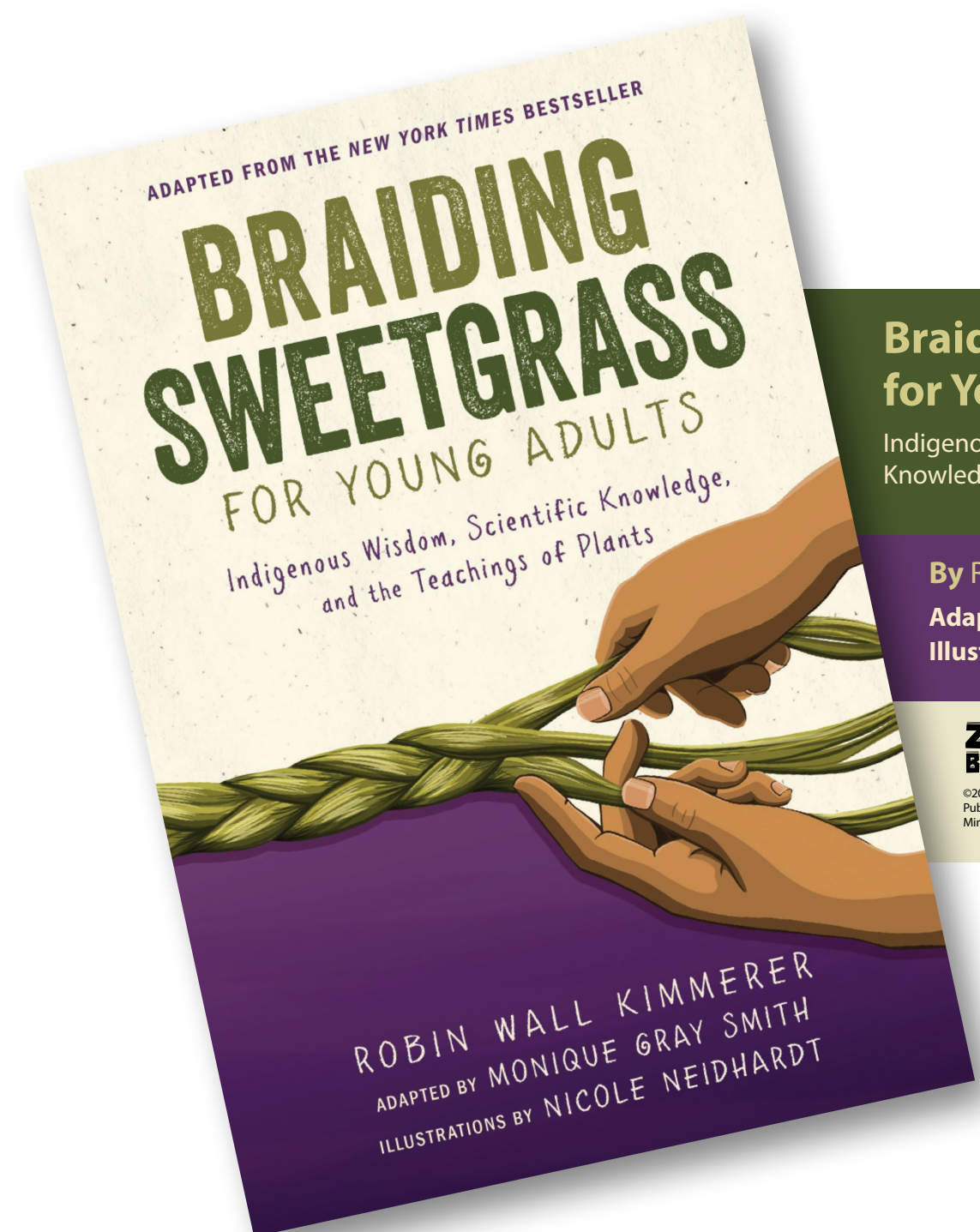
Our grandfathers the Thunder Beings  
who live in the West with their  
lightning and thundering voices.

Our eldest brother, the Sun; our oldest  
Grandmother, the Moon; and the Stars  
who are spread across the sky like jewelry.

The enlightened Teachers who have  
come to help throughout the ages.

We now turn our thoughts to the Creator,  
or Great Spirit, and send greetings and  
thanks for all the gifts of Creation.

Now our minds are one.



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