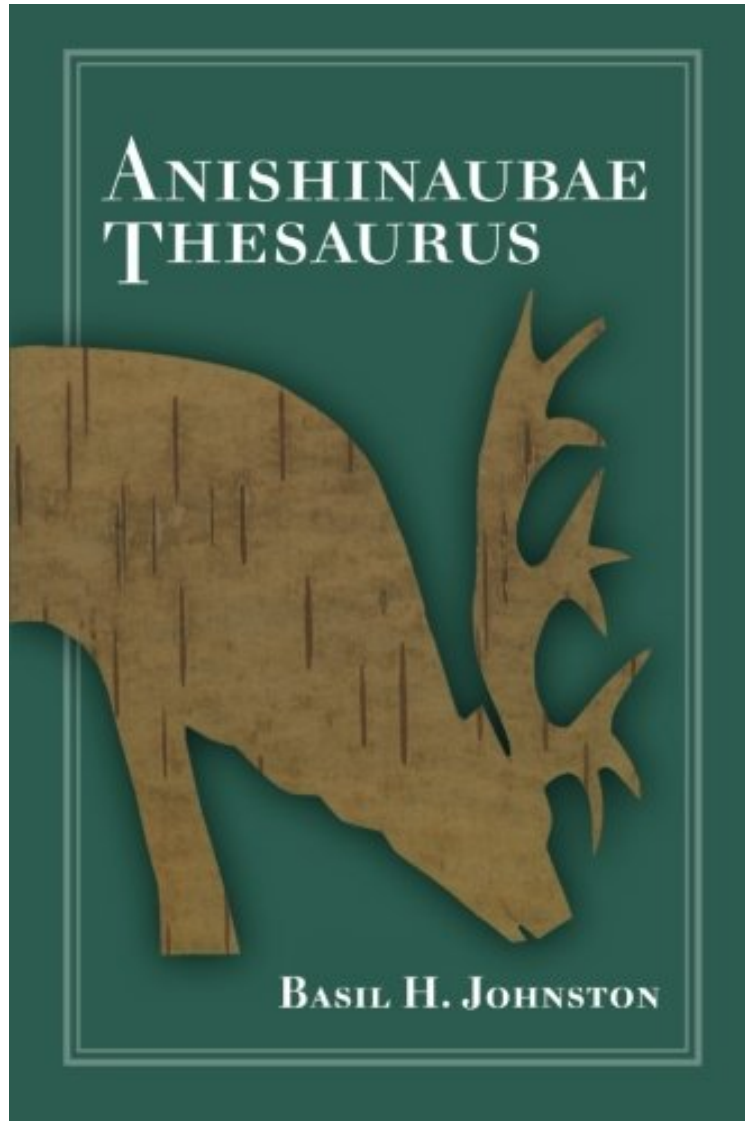


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Anishinaabemowin. Granted Johnston does not use the Fiero Double-vowel orthography, his phonetic spelling is systematic and clear, thus easily understood by all. In addition, often students learn their vocabulary for the vocabulary's sake without really learning the construct of the word, but Johnston forces the basic word construct to the forefront by aggregating words into a "thesaurus" and pointing out in the theme-based construct of words of Anishinaabemowin. He groups words in their similarity and then divides these groupings into five sections: nouns, modifiers (adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and pronouns), suffixes, verbs and prefixes. While Nichols and Nyholm in "Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" provides for many excellent preverbs, Johnston provides a glossary of postverbs to which the preverbs attach to form new verb concepts. Johnston's goal here is to present the building blocks of the vocabulary so that each student of the Anishinaabe language has the power and knowledge to build their own vocabulary... and Johnston has met his goal with excellence.

The Anishinaubae (Chippewa/Ojibwe) language has a beauty in the spoken word, a deliberate rhythm, simplicity, and mysterious second meanings. When Basil Johnston began teaching the Anishinaubae language, in the late 1960s, there were no related manuals or dictionaries that were suitable for beginners. To fill this void, Johnston wrote a language course and a lexicon to fill for the course materials. Now he has broadened this labor by compiling Anishinaubae Thesaurus, which goes even further to fill a deep cultural and linguistic void. This thesaurus contains a useful sampling of the 400,000 words that comprise the Anishinaubae language, and it is intended to be a practical reference tool for teachers, translators, interpreters, and orthographers.

From the Author "...words are but sounds, stories a series of sounds. Articulated, they pass into space and echo into eternity as messages to be heard only by the spirits. For a person to see or to perceive the inner meanings of sounds is a gift. For a word to reveal its souls and spirit and heart is nothing short of revelation." -- Basil H. Johnston

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