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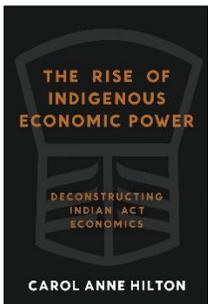
Economics and Finance



GDP: A Brief But Affectionate History

Diane Coyle (Princeton University Press)

Diane Coyle traces the evolution of the GDP from its roots in early economic thought, through its formal establishment in the 1940s to its continued influence during contemporary economic crises. The book explains why the GDP was created, how it has evolved, and why it matters for elections, policy decisions, and national economic stability. It concludes that while the GDP suited the twentieth century, it no longer captures the realities of a modern economy shaped by innovation, services, and intangible good.

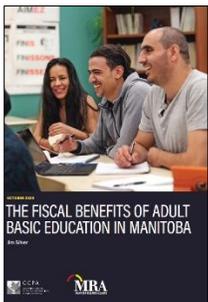


The Rise of Indigenous Economic Power: Deconstructing Indian Act Economics

Carol Anne Hilton (New Society Publishers)

This book examines the rapid growth of Indigenous economic power and sovereignty, highlighting how this progress has emerged despite the damaging legacy of the Indian Act. It explains how colonial economic policies have limited Indigenous participation while also imposing significant social, moral, and financial costs on Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. The book outlines 25 key trends driving Indigenous economic growth and offers a framework grounded in inclusion, reconciliation, and economics.

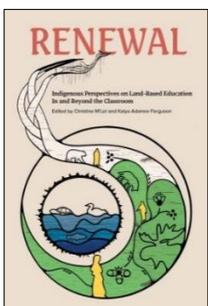
Education



The Fiscal Benefits of Adult Basic Education in Manitoba

Jim Silver (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Manitoba Research Alliance) 🐃

Jim Silver presents a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether completing a mature high school diploma through an adult learning centre produces measurable fiscal gains. The analysis draws on a survey of graduates from five centres and calculated savings from reduced Employment and Income Assistance use, as well as increased provincial tax revenue from higher full-time employment after graduation. These benefits are compared with program costs reported in the province's 2023/24 Annual Report.

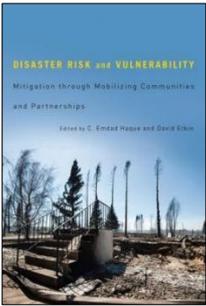


Renewal: Indigenous Perspectives on Land-Based Education In and Beyond the Classroom

Ed. Christine M'Lot, Katya Adamov Ferguson (Portage & Main Press) 🐃

Renewal helps K–12 educators bring Indigenous land-based education into their teaching by encouraging renewed relationships with land, place-based learning, and an understanding of diverse Indigenous knowledge systems and the Land Back movement. Drawing on works by Indigenous leaders, land defenders, scholars, and Knowledge Keepers, the authors offer practical guidance for classroom discussions, land-based activities, and inquiry learning, along with reflective prompts and adaptable methods for educators and learning communities.

Emergency Preparedness and Response



Disaster Risk and Vulnerability: Mitigation Through Mobilizing Communities and Partnerships

Ed. David Etkin, Emdadul Chowdhury Haque (McGill-Queen's University Press)

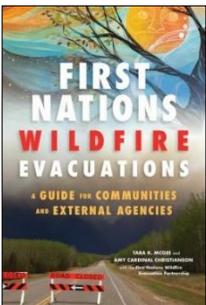
The book argues that disaster risk reduction often fails because planners and officials remain disconnected from the realities of local communities. Using case studies, it shows that effective disaster response requires collaboration among residents, all levels of government, and non-governmental organizations. Despite advances in science and policy, losses from environmental disasters continue to rise, and this title provides strategies to help practitioners strengthen community-based approaches to reduce vulnerability.



An Emergency in Ottawa: The Story of the Convoy Commission

Paul A. Wells (Sutherland House)

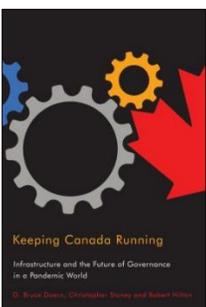
Wells examines the federal government's unprecedented decision to invoke the Emergencies Act to end the "Freedom Convoy" occupation in downtown Ottawa. It details how the Act granted extraordinary powers—such as freezing bank accounts, cancelling vehicle insurance, and compelling tow-truck services—and explores the intense debate that followed. The narrative follows the required public inquiry, featuring testimony from protest organizers, police officials, cabinet ministers, and the Prime Minister.



First Nations Wildfire Evacuations: A Guide for Communities and External Agencies

Tara McGee, Amy Cardinal Christianson, First Nations Wildfire Evacuation Partnership (Purich Books)

This book offers practical guidance for First Nations and agencies involved in wildfire evacuations. Based on interviews with evacuees from seven First Nations, it outlines best practices for each stage of an evacuation, including deciding when to leave, coordinating transportation, securing accommodations, supporting evacuees, and returning home. It serves as an essential resource for communities preparing for fire-related emergencies.



Keeping Canada Running: Infrastructure and the Future of Governance in a Pandemic World

Bruce Doern et al. (McGill-Queen's University Press)

The authors trace more than fifty years of Canadian infrastructure policy, showing how the COVID-19 pandemic and rapid technological change have intensified long-standing challenges. It identifies key factors behind Canada's infrastructure deficit—such as political interference, governance problems, opaque public-private partnerships, and corruption risks—and argues that most of the infrastructure needed by 2050 has yet to be built. The authors emphasize the need for future-proof, climate-resilient systems that support economic growth and urban development.

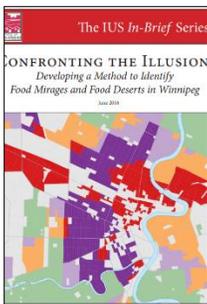
Food History, Industry, & Security



From Tariffs to Tables: Tracking the Forces Behind Canada's 2026 Food Prices

Sylvain Charlebois et al. (Agri-Food Analytics Lab, Dalhousie University)

This report provides readers with predictions on estimated annual food expenditures to improve their personal and household budgeting. This 2026 edition of the *Canadian Food Price Report* is produced collaboratively by Dalhousie University, Saint Mary's University, University of Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton University, the University of Guelph, Université Laval, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Saskatchewan.



Confronting the Illusion: Developing a Method to Identify Food Mirages and Food Deserts in Winnipeg

Kyle Wiebe, Jino Distasio (Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg) 🐮

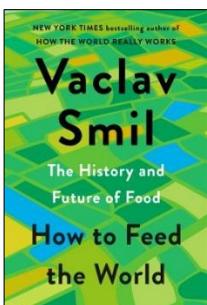
This report develops a new method to identify food deserts and food mirages and to broaden the understanding of barriers individuals face in accessing food. The authors find that while food deserts exist in Winnipeg, food mirages are even more prevalent - where affordability is a more common barrier to consuming healthy food than distance is. These results emphasize the need for future policy to target the incomes of individuals and food affordability rather than store locations.



Farmland Preservation: Land for Future Generations

Ed. Stewart Hilts, Bronwynne Wilton, Wayne Caldwell (University of Manitoba Press) 🐮

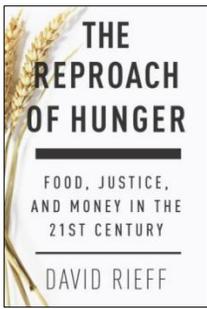
Urban expansion and non-farm development are reducing available farmland, limiting future food production. Preserving agricultural land is increasingly important amid uncertainties such as climate change, population growth, food security concerns, and shifting energy demands. This book explores this issue through fourteen essays offering diverse perspectives and case studies, highlighting the need for effective policies and new approaches to safeguard farmland for future generations.



How to Feed the World: The History and Future of Food

Vaclav Smil (Viking)

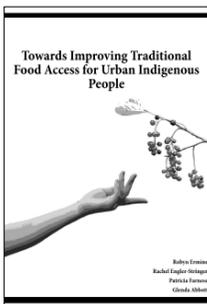
The book examines how the world produces and consumes food and argues that feeding a growing global population requires understanding the realities of modern agriculture. Drawing on extensive data, Smil explores issues such as food waste, nutrition, unequal access, the dominance of a few staple crops, and the environmental costs of current food systems. He provides evidence-based insights into questions about dietary shifts, farming practices, and future food production, offering a research-driven guide to building a sustainable global food system.



The Reproach of Hunger: Food, Justice, and Money in the Twenty-First Century

David Rieff (Allen Lane)

The book explains how global assumptions of the 1990s overlooked the emerging threat of widespread hunger, which has since become a major humanitarian crisis driven not by food shortages but by the inability of millions to afford food. It shows how global economic integration has created a system where rising prosperity is linked to deepening food insecurity in others. The book examines this new landscape of world hunger and why the international community continues to struggle to address it.

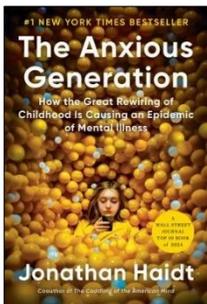


Towards Improving Traditional Food Access for Urban Indigenous Populations

Robyn Ermine et al. (Saskatchewan Public Health and Evaluation Research Unit, University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine)

The project aims to support efforts to remove barriers that prevent Indigenous people in urban areas from accessing traditional foods. Although communities across the country are finding creative ways to provide hunted, fished, gathered, or cultivated foods, they often must navigate complex policies and regulations on their own. This situation places the responsibility for interpreting and managing these systems onto Indigenous communities rather than the institutions that created them.

Health and Well-Being



The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness

Jonathan Haidt (Penguin Press)

The book examines the sharp rise in adolescent depression, anxiety, self-harm, and suicide that began in the early 2010s across many countries. It contrasts the benefits of an earlier “play-based childhood” with the rapid shift to a “phone-based childhood” that replaced opportunities for independence and exploration. Haidt argues that this shift helps explain the significant decline in teen mental health.

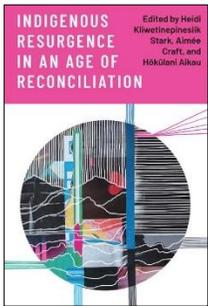


Changing Care: Advancing Social Justice in the Health Professions

Ed. Jennifer Brady, Jacqui Gingras (University of Regina Press)

A collection of essays from health practitioners that examine how structural injustices—such as poverty, racism, misogyny, and ableism—shape patients’ access to care and overall wellbeing. Drawing on research, case studies, and personal narratives, it highlights how health professions have been slow to address these systemic inequities. The book argues that practitioners have a vital role to play in advancing social justice and offers practical approaches for addressing urgent public health issues.

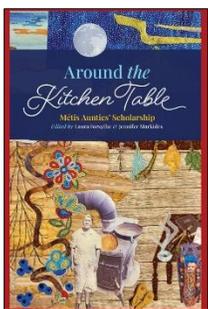
Indigenous Studies



Indigenous Resurgence in an Age of Reconciliation

Ed. Heidi Kiiwetinesiiik Stark, Aimée Craft, and Hōkūlani K. Aikau
(University of Toronto Columbia Press)

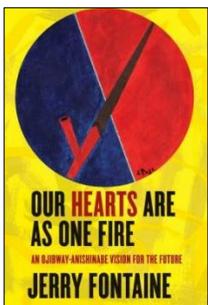
The collection highlights Indigenous community knowledge and strategies for resurgence and, when appropriate, reconciliation. The essays challenge narrow or colonial interpretations of Indigeneity and encourage critical reflection on how such frameworks shape relationships with self, others, and place. The authors aim to reclaim Indigenous political relationships while ensuring resurgence efforts do not reproduce the very conditions they seek to overcome.



Around the Kitchen Table: Métis Aunties' Scholarship

Ed. Laura Forsythe, Jennifer Markides (University of Manitoba Press) 

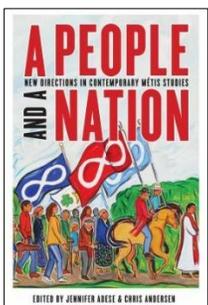
Around the Kitchen Table looks beyond the patriarchy to document and celebrate the scholarship of Métis women. Focusing on experiences in post-secondary environments, this collection traverses a range of methodologies. Spanning disciplines of social work, education, history, health care, urban studies, sociology, archaeology, and governance, contributors bring their own stories to explorations of spirituality, material culture, colonialism, land-based education, sexuality, language, and representation. The result is an expansive, heartfelt, and accessible community of Métis thought.



Our Hearts Are As One Fire: An Ojibway-Anishinabe Vision for the Future

Jerry Fontaine (University of British Columbia Press)

The book presents an Ojibway-Anishinabe interpretation of traditional leadership and governance, arguing that reconnecting with non-colonized ways of thinking is essential for achieving true sovereignty. Drawing on the histories of Three Fires Confederacy leaders, the author recounts their stories through Ojibwaymowin language, community knowledge, and conversations with elders. The work reframes the history of Manitou Aki and offers a vision for how Ojibway, Ota'wa, and Ishkodawatomi-Anishinabe values, laws, and political principles can guide leaders today and in the future.

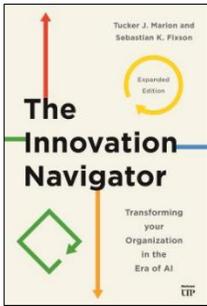


A People and a Nation: New Directions in Contemporary Métis Studies

Ed. Jennifer Adese, Chris Andersen (University of British Columbia Press)

The book brings together Métis scholars to explore Métis nationhood and peoplehood through perspectives on identity, politics, history, literature, spirituality, and kinship. It challenges racialized and outdated interpretations that have dominated Métis Studies, arguing these frameworks diminish Métis experiences. The collection shows why such approaches are inadequate and offers a clearer understanding of contemporary Métis nationhood.

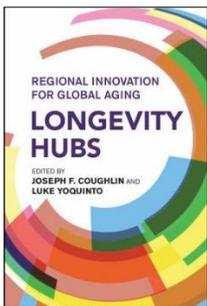
Innovation and Technology



The Innovation Navigator: Transforming Your Organization in the Era of AI

Tucker J. Marion, Sebastian K. Fixson (Rotman / University of Toronto Press)

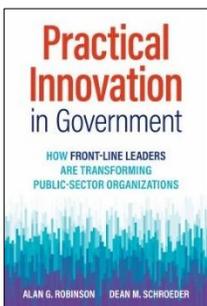
This updated edition examines how artificial intelligence, digital design tools, and collaborative platforms are reshaping modern innovation. It introduces new material on AI's role in boosting creativity, guiding decisions, and accelerating product development, along with updated metrics and insights on developing employee skills. Featuring case studies, the book offers practical frameworks for applying AI across four innovation modes—specialist, venture, community, and network. It also shows how organizations can combine these modes in an era of rapid, AI-driven digital transformation.



Longevity Hubs: Regional Innovation for Global Aging

Ed. Joseph F. Coughlin, Luke Yoquinto (MIT Press)

The book explores how regions around the world can position themselves as “longevity hubs,” places that foster innovation and economic activity centered on aging populations. As older adults become a growing economic force, contributors—including entrepreneurs, researchers, and public-sector leaders—examine how improving the lives of aging residents can benefit local economies and industries. The book showcases strategies for supporting aging-focused innovation and strengthening communities.



Practical Innovation in Government: How Front-Line Workers are Transforming Public-Sector Organizations

Alan Robinson, Dean Schroeder (Berrett-Koehler Publishers Inc.)

The authors illustrate how government agencies can significantly improve performance by tapping into ideas from frontline workers—the people who directly interact with the public. Rather than trying to overhaul bureaucracy or privatize services, the authors highlight practical, bottom-up innovations gathered from a study of seventy organizations and nearly 1,000 interviews across several countries. They demonstrate how small, pragmatic ideas can create major cumulative improvements, and they provide guidance on how to systematically collect, assess, and implement these frontline-driven changes.

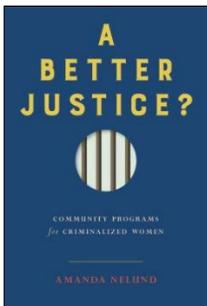


Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Urban Development in a Post-Pandemic World

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

This report examines how science, technology, and innovation can help cities address key post-COVID-19 sustainability challenges, including energy, water, mobility, housing, circularity, economic opportunity, gender equality, planning, and safety. It presents global case studies showcasing practical solutions and urges governments to prioritize innovations that strengthen urban resilience. The report also calls for international cooperation to share and scale best practices for sustainable urban development.

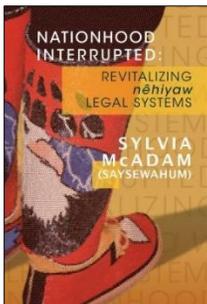
Law and Justice



A Better Justice? Community Programs for Criminalized Women

Amanda Nelund (University of British Columbia Press)

The book examines how community-based justice programs function for criminalized women, situating the analysis in Winnipeg. It shows that these programs neither fully replicate the norms of the formal justice system nor provide the transformative alternatives envisioned by feminist criminologists. Instead, they operate in a tension between neoliberal practices and social-justice goals, revealing both the limits and the potential for more equitable approaches to supporting criminalized women in Canada.



Nationhood Interrupted: Revitalizing Nêhiyaw Legal Systems

Sylvia McAdam (Purich Publishing)

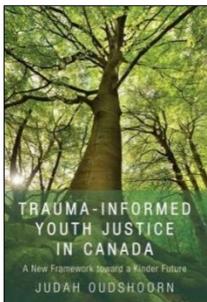
This book explains how Nêhiyaw (Cree) laws have traditionally been shared through oral teachings, stories, ceremonies, and the land, and how colonization disrupted these practices, making written documentation necessary. Sylvia McAdam shares these laws to help both Nêhiyaw and non-Indigenous readers understand Indigenous legal traditions as foundations of nationhood rooted in land, language, and culture. By renewing awareness of these laws, she argues, communities can move toward a more harmonious future and away from the cycles of poverty, incarceration, and hopelessness caused by colonial harm.



Religious Diversity in Canadian Public Schools: Rethinking the Role of Law

Dia Dabby (University of British Columbia Press)

Grounding its analysis in three seminal Supreme Court cases, this book reveals complex legal processes that take multidimensional conversations about religion and turn them into an oppositional format that excludes the voices of children. Dia Dabby contends that schools are in fact microsystems with the power to construct their own rules and relationships. This compelling work encourages a deeper conversation on how religion is mediated through public schools, inviting a critical reassessment of the role of law in education.

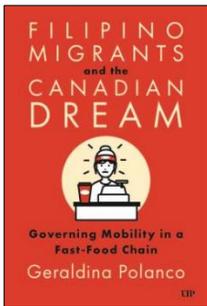


Trauma-Informed Youth Justice in Canada: A New Framework Toward a Kinder Future

Judah Oudshoorn (Canadian Scholars' Press)

The book explains that many youth in the justice system have endured significant trauma, caused by responses that can deepen harm and fail to address victims' needs. It offers a trauma-informed framework grounded in healing and restorative justice, supported by a history of youth justice in Canada and an analysis of individual and collective trauma. Through case stories and reflective tools, it demonstrates how trauma-informed practices can help prevent crime and support healthier outcomes for youth, victims, and communities.

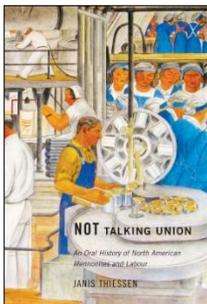
Labour and Immigration



Filipino Migrants and the Canadian Dream: Governing Mobility in a Fast-Food Chain

Geraldina Polanco (University of Toronto Press)

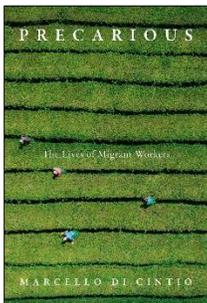
The book examines how the idea of the Canadian dream shapes the migration of skilled Filipino workers recruited for entry-level fast-food jobs in Western Canada. Based on fieldwork in Canada and the Philippines, it shows how governments, corporations, recruiters, and migrant communities construct narratives that influence decisions to migrate. It argues that these social imaginaries must be understood across global networks to fully grasp how temporary labour programs function in a neoliberal economy.



Not Talking Union: An Oral History of North American Mennonites and Labour

Janis Thiessen (McGill-Queen's University Press)

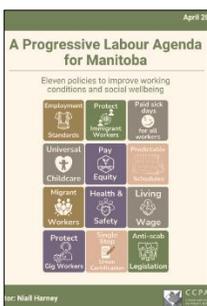
This book examines why many North American Mennonites have historically rejected labour unions, despite significant participation in agricultural and industrial work across regions, including Manitoba. Drawing on 113 oral histories, it explores how Mennonites' religious beliefs, migration histories, and community identities shaped their attitudes toward organized labour. The study highlights the tensions Mennonite workers navigated between faith commitments and workplace demands, offering insights relevant to labour and religious history.



Precarious: The Lives of Migrant Workers

Marcello Di Cintio (Biblioasis)

This book examines Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker program through the lived experiences of migrant labourers in agriculture, caregiving, food processing, and sex work. Drawing on findings from UN Special Rapporteur Tomoyo Obokata's 2023 visit to Canada, the book highlights reports of exploitation, unsafe work, poor living conditions, and limited access to services. While some employers defend the program, the book explores why workers return despite these conditions and investigates who benefits, who is harmed, and whether a system built on worker vulnerability can ever be made just.

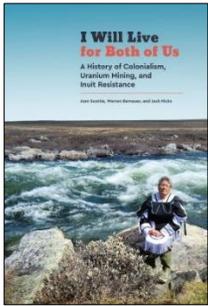


A Progressive Labour Agenda for Manitoba: Eleven Policies to Improve Working Conditions and Social Wellbeing

Ed. Niall Harney (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Manitoba Office) 🐾

Most Manitobans support extending employee-level employment rights to gig workers, according to a new survey highlighted in a Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives–Manitoba report. The report outlines eleven policy recommendations aimed at improving working conditions, reducing stress, and helping workers manage rising living costs. It also calls for stronger protections for women, migrant workers, and newcomers through updates to labour, recruitment, and pay equity legislation.

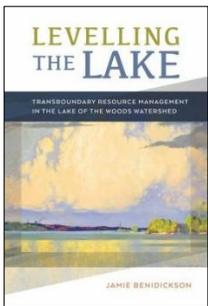
Natural Resources



I Will Live for Us Both: A History of Colonialism, Uranium Mining, and Inuit Resistance

Joan Scottie, Warren Bernauer, Jack Hicks (University of Manitoba Press) 

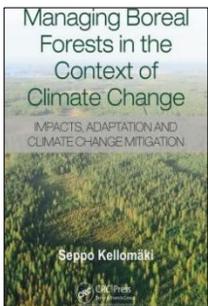
Joan Scottie recounts her community's decades-long fight to protect Inuit land, laws, and hunting traditions from uranium mining, drawing on her life as a hunter, Elder, and organizer. The book combines Scottie's experiences with research to examine colonialism, resource extraction, and political change in the Canadian Arctic. It also explores broader themes such as gender roles in traditional camps, residential school experiences, gold mining politics, and Inuit relationships with land and animals.



Levelling the Lake: Transboundary Resource Management in the Lake of the Woods Watershed

Jamie Benidickson (University of British Columbia Press)

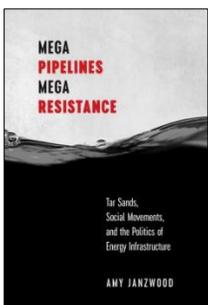
Levelling the Lake examines 150 years of environmental, economic, and legal change in the Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake watershed. It traces how logging, mining, fishing, hydroelectric development, and recreation reshaped ecosystems, water flows, and the lives of local and Indigenous communities, prompting new regulatory and institutional responses. The book highlights ongoing cross-border governance challenges and offers historical lessons for sustainable, watershed-level management.



Managing Boreal Forests in the Context of Climate Change: Impacts, Adaptation, and Climate Change Mitigation

Seppo Kellomäki (CRC Press/Taylor & Francis Group)

The book examines how climate change can alter the productivity, species composition, and ecological functions of boreal forests. While past research has focused on climate impacts on unmanaged forests, this work addresses how to sustainably manage forests for timber and biomass under shifting conditions. Because climate impacts vary by local environment, the book considers the issue across different regional contexts.

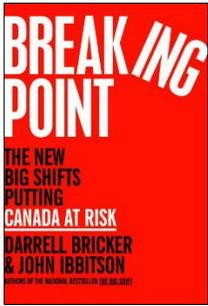


Mega Pipelines, Mega Resistance: Tar Sands, Social Movements, and the Politics of Energy Infrastructure

Amy Janzwood (University of British Columbia Press)

This book examines how broad coalitions of Indigenous nations, environmental groups, grassroots organizers, and local governments mobilized to oppose two major Canadian pipeline projects: Trans Mountain and Northern Gateway. Drawing on interviews with industry leaders, government officials, and activists, it analyzes the strategies, alliances, and internal dynamics that shaped these campaigns. The study shows how coordinated resistance challenged powerful political and corporate interests, influenced policy decisions, and ultimately determine which projects advanced and which were stopped.

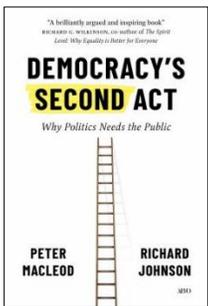
Political Science



Breaking Point: The New Big Shifts Putting Canada at Risk

Darrell Bricker, John Ibbitson (Signal/McClelland & Stewart)

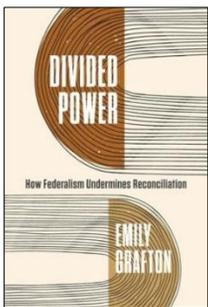
This book argues that Canada is confronting major political, economic, and social pressures that have intensified over many years. It highlights how stalled decision-making, regulatory burdens, rising housing costs, unstable work, regional divisions, and strain on the immigration system have created widespread frustration. Combined with global uncertainty and long-standing governance challenges, these pressures have pushed the country to a critical turning point. The authors outline the weaknesses facing Canada's political coalitions and urge decisive action to stabilize the country's future.



Democracy's Second Act: Why Politics Needs the Public

Peter MacLeod, Richard Johnson (AEVO / University of Toronto Press)

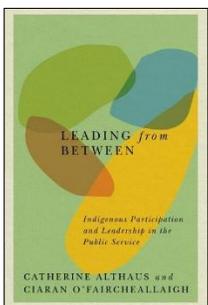
The book argues that democracy has stalled because it remains focused on elections and representation without evolving to meet modern expectations. While early democratic reforms expanded rights, many people now feel powerless within current systems. Drawing on global examples of citizens' assemblies and other innovations, the authors call for a "Second Act" of democracy that gives ordinary people meaningful roles in decision-making, asserting that genuine public participation is essential for renewal.



Divided Power: How Federalism Undermines Reconciliation

Emily Grafton (Fernwood Press) 

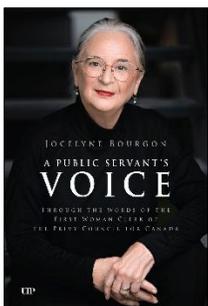
The book explains how the division of powers between federal and provincial governments has historically limited Indigenous authority, reinforced dispossession, and hindered meaningful self-governance. Through an analysis of federalism and settler colonialism, the book shows how current political arrangements fall short of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's vision and outlines alternative power-sharing models that better uphold Indigenous rights and embed reconciliation within Canada's core institutions.



Leading From Between: Indigenous Participation and Leadership in the Public Service

Catherine Althaus, Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh (McGill-Queen's University Press)

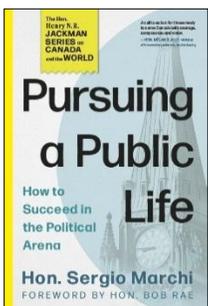
The book compares the experiences of Indigenous public servants in British Columbia and Queensland, showing how they navigate and influence Western bureaucratic systems. Drawing on their stories, it explains how Indigenous participation and leadership reshape policy making and strengthen public service responsiveness. It argues that these public servants play a crucial role in advancing reconciliation, self-determination, and more inclusive governance.



A Public Servant's Voice: Through the Words of the First Woman Clerk for the Privy Council of Canada

Jocelyne Bourgon (University of Toronto Press)

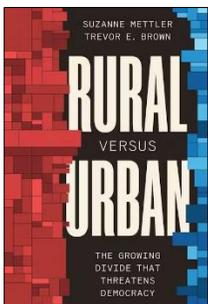
The book offers Bourgon's reflections on her decades in public service, drawing on her experience as Canada's first woman clerk of the privy council, secretary to cabinet, and head of the public service from 1994 to 1999. She traces her career from her early days as a public servant, highlights her international work, and discusses her development of *A New Synthesis of Public Administration*, aimed at addressing the challenges of 21st-century governance.



Pursuing a Public Life: How to Succeed in the Political Arena

Hon. Sergio Marchi (Dundurn Press)

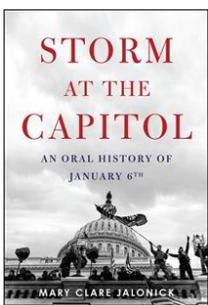
This book examines the growing polarization and public frustration that are weakening Canada's political culture and discouraging people from engaging in public life. It highlights how rising cynicism, declining voter turnout, and increasingly divisive discourse have pushed many to disengage from politics altogether. Drawing on three decades of experience in municipal, federal, and diplomatic roles, the author reflects on the realities of political work and aims to demystify public life and encourage those interested in making a meaningful contribution to consider entering the political arena.



Rural Versus Urban: The Growing Divide That Threatens Democracy

Suzanne Mettler, Trevor E. Brown (Princeton University Press)

The book argues that U.S. polarization has formed a deep rural-urban divide that now shapes politics nationwide. Using five decades of data and interviews, the authors trace how rising inequality and cultural activism shifted many white rural voters toward the GOP and hardened the split. They warn that rural one-party dominance gives Republicans structural advantages that threaten democratic stability, and they call on Democrats to rebuild strong local organizations to help bridge the divide.

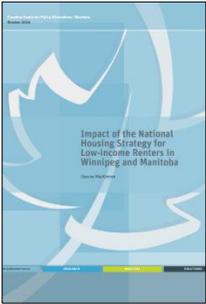


Storm at the Capitol: An Oral History of January 6th

Mary Clare Jalonick (PublicAffairs)

This book provides a detailed, firsthand account of the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol, emphasizing how the event deepened political division and fueled ongoing disputes about its meaning. Through interviews and on-the-ground reporting, it weaves together the perspectives of rioters, police officers, lawmakers, staff, and journalists who experienced the violence. The narrative follows the full arc of the day, from the early arrival of Trump supporters—some prepared for violence—to the moment Congress reconvened in the early hours of January 7th to certify the 2020 presidential election.

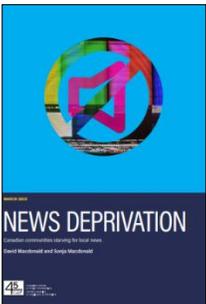
Social and Community Issues



Impact of the National Housing Strategy for Low-Income Renters in Winnipeg and Manitoba

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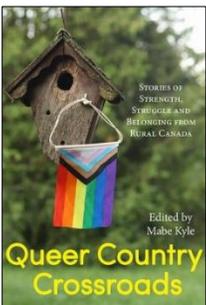
The report assesses Canada's National Housing Strategy, which recognizes housing as a human right and aims to expand access to adequate, affordable homes. Despite increased federal investment, its reliance on private developers has produced little deeply affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters. Advocates argue that meeting housing needs requires shifting the strategy toward public and non-profit, non-market housing, which is more effective long-term and essential in tight, unaffordable rental markets.



News Deprivation: Canadian Communities Starving for Local News

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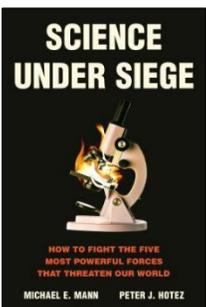
The report examines the decline of local news outlets across Canada and the resulting rise of "news deserts" and "areas of news poverty," where communities have little or no access to locally focused journalism. It reviews key factors behind this trend, including federal efforts to support news production, and compares data from 2008 and 2024 to show how local news availability has changed nationwide. The report concludes with recommendations for strengthening public-service, community, and non-profit media to better inform and serve Canadian communities.



Queer Country Crossroads: Stories of Strength, Struggle and Belonging from Rural Canada

Ed. Mabe Kyle (Caitlin Press)

This anthology gathers stories and poems from rural 2SLGBTQIA+ people across Canada. Fifty contributors share experiences ranging from coming of age and navigating isolation to building community and finding a sense of home. Their perspectives highlight both the challenges and the strengths of living at the intersection of rural life and queer identity, offering a collective portrait of resilience, connection, and belonging.



Science Under Siege: How to Fight the Five Most Powerful Forces that Threaten Our World

Michael E. Mann, Peter J. Hotez (PublicAffairs)

This book argues that major global crises are made worse by coordinated political and ideological attacks on science. Drawing on two decades of experience, the authors identify five forces undermining scientific understanding: They reveal the five main forces threatening science: plutocrats, pros, petrostates, phonies, and the press. The book explains how these groups sow doubt and spread misinformation, and it offers strategies to strengthen public trust in science, expose hidden funding, challenge harmful industries, and support evidence-based action to prevent future disaster.