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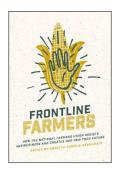
Agriculture



Dairy Farming in the 21st Century: Global Ethics, Environment and Politics

Bruch Scholten (Bloomsbury Academic)

Dairy Farming in the 21st Century examines global dairy production and its ethical, environmental, and social challenges. It questions whether large-scale mega-dairies are more climate-friendly than traditional farms and explores issues such as animal welfare, confined feeding operations, GMO hormones, and impacts on rural communities. Bruce Scholten provides a comprehensive analysis of dairy farming worldwide, linking ethics, sustainability, health, and policy to offer a balanced discussion of competing perspectives.



Frontline Farmers: How the National Farmers Union Resists Agribusiness and Creates **Our New Food Future**

Ed. Annette Aurélie Desmarais (Fernwood Publishing) 🐆

Frontline Farmers explores the history and activism of Canada's National Farmers Union (NFU), which for over fifty years has fought agribusiness dominance, defended seed sovereignty, supported family farms, and promoted ecological farming and food justice. Through NFU members' voices, the book highlights the struggle to build sustainable rural communities and socially just food systems, emphasizing the urgent stakes in controlling Canada's food future.

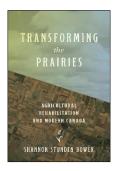


Concentration Matters: Farmland Inequality on the Prairies

Darrin Qualman et al. (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)



This report demonstrates that the ownership and control of Canada's food-producing land is becoming more and more concentrated, with profound impacts for young farmers, food system security, climate change and democracy. The authors analyse the extent of farmland concentration in Canada's three Prairie provinces and suggest that a series of policy measures are urgently needed to counter the market forces that could drive Canadian farm families off the land in the next one to two generations.

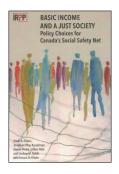


Transforming the Prairies: Agricultural Rehabilitation and Modern Canada

Shannon Stunden Bower (University of British Columbia Press)

Transforming the Prairies re-examines the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA). From 1935 to 2009, PFRA initiatives—such as soil conservation, irrigation projects, and infrastructure development—produced mixed results, including ecological harm, health risks, and disregard for Indigenous rights. The book argues that PFRA embodied high modernist ideals, reinforcing colonialism and racism, and underscores the need for historical insight to guide just and sustainable environmental management today.

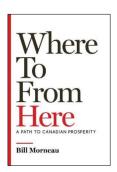
Economics and Finance



Basic Income and a Just Society: Policy Choices for Canada's Social Safety Net

David Green et al. (The Institute for Research on Public Policy)

Basic Income and a Just Society evaluates whether a basic income guarantee is the best solution for poverty and inequality in Canada. Drawing on research from the BC Expert Panel and national data, it examines the benefits, costs, and interaction with existing social programs. The authors ultimately propose a broader paradigm shift in social policy to ensure dignity and respect for all Canadians.



Where to From Here: A Path to Canadian Prosperity

Bill Morneau (ECW Press)

This title reflects on Bill Morneau's tenure as Canada's finance minister, tracing his entry into politics, key achievements, challenges, and reasons for leaving government. The book examines the Liberal Party's 2015 election victory, its ambitious agenda, and Morneau's role in shaping economic policy. It explores the realities of political life, missed opportunities, and lessons learned. Morneau concludes by presenting a forward-looking vision and blueprint for Canada's growth and prosperity.

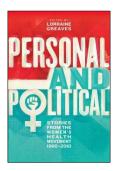
Healthcare



Administrative Ethics: Executive Decisions in Canadian Healthcare

Joseph Byrne (Canadian Scholars)

Health administration ethics functions as a bridge between business ethics and clinical ethics. This book is designed to assist the current and future healthcare administrator to render effective and ethical decisions by forging the link between the foundational concepts of ethics theories, principles, and decision making. It takes a case study approach and introduces a new, user-friendly decision-making model.



Personal and Political: Stories From the Women's Health Movement, 1960-2010

Ed. Lorraine Greaves (Second Story Press)

Women's health expert Lorraine Greaves details the innovative and courageous activism of the "second wave" women's health movement in Canada between 1960 and 2010. This activism (re)claimed women's bodies, created women-centered spaces and services, and challenged the medical model. Feminists challenged diagnoses, treatments, laws, policies and research, as well as the care women were offered. Legions of women, and a few men, made changes ranging from abortion rights to preserving women's hospitals, to legalizing midwifery and requiring gendered health research—changes that resonate today.

History and Heritage



Le Festival du Voyageur Hé Ho! : Une célébration de culture et de patrimoine

Lucienne Beaudry Loiselle (Vidacom Publications) 🗫

Thanks to its experienced team and thousands of volunteers, *Festival du Voyageur* has since its inception provided a space in which to gather and celebrate the history of the voyageurs and the fur trade, by way of the First Nations, the Métis, and the early days of the Red River Settlement. This retrospective fond offers a candid and faithful account of Festival's many successes and challenges over its fifty-year history of warming hearts and cold prairie winters.



Rhythms & Resistance: Narrative of Filipino Musicians and Activists of Winnipeg, 1972-1994

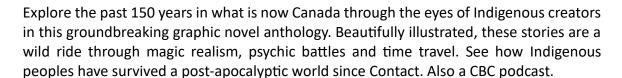
Levy Abad (Self-Published) 🐆

This book gathers the stories of Filipino musicians and activists in Winnipeg from 1972-1994. It contains articles on nearly 50 bands, and some individual musicians, which are interspersed with old pictures, places, and events that have shaped the memory of Winnipeg's Filipino community. The role that music played in regards to migration, integration, resistance, and community empowerment is also given credence.



This Place: 150 Years Retold

Kateri Akiwenzie et al. (Highwater Press) 🗫



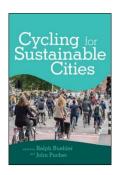


The Viking Immigrants: Icelandic North Americans

L.K. Bertram (University of Toronto Press)

From 1870 until 1914, almost one quarter of the population of Iceland migrated to North America. *The Viking Immigrants* examines how the distinctive everyday culture that emerged in Icelandic North American communities -- from food and fashion to ghost stories and Viking parades -- sheds light on a century and a half of change and adaptation. Through an analysis of the history of everyday forms of expression, this book reveals the larger forces that shaped the evolution of an immigrant community.

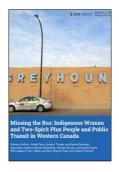
Infrastructure and Transportation



Cycling for Sustainable Cities

Ed. Ralph Buehler, John Pucher (The MIT Press)

Cycling for Sustainable Cities argues that cycling is the most practical and eco-friendly mode of urban transportation, offering health, social, and economic benefits. This book explores global cycling trends, infrastructure, incentives, and equity issues, with case studies from cities worldwide. It emphasizes that successful cycling promotion requires integrated policies, safe facilities, and inclusive programs for all ages and abilities.

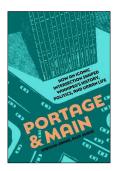


Missing the Bus: Indigenous Women and Two-Spirit Plus People and Public Transit in **Western Canada**

Adele Perry et al. (Centre for Human Rights Research, University of Manitoba)



Missing the Bus examines how limited public transit in Western Canada affects Indigenous women and Two-Spirit Plus people. It highlights how transit scarcity increases vulnerability to violence and restricts mobility, making it harder to escape unsafe situations. The study connects uneven mobility and mobility justice to the lived experiences of these communities in Western Canada.



Portage & Main: How an Iconic Intersection Shaped Winnipeg's History, Politics, and **Urban Life**

Sabrina Janke, Alex Judge (Great Plains Press) 🗫



This book explores stories of Portage and Main throughout Winnipeg's history and discusses the complicated relationship between the city's oldest intersection and the culture of the urban environment that surrounds it. Winnipeg historians Alex Judge and Sabrina Janke, hosts of the One Great History podcast, describe how the intersection's history reflects the ideas of what Winnipeg is, could be, and has been.

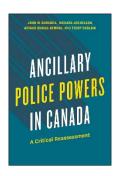


Too Critical to Fail: How Canada Manages Threats to Critical Infrastructure

Kevin Quigly, Ben Bisset, Bryan Mills (McGill-Queen's University Press)

In Too Critical to Fail, the authors identify the social contexts that shape the Canadian government's ability to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Using original research on natural disasters, pandemics, industrial failures, cyber-attacks, and terrorist threats, the authors evaluate the risk regulation regimes that monitor, interpret, and respond to failures in Canada's critical infrastructure. More broadly, this book identifies key vulnerabilities and regulatory challenges for both the government and the private sector in mitigating threats to safety and security.

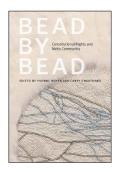
Law and Justice



Ancillary Police Powers in Canada: A Critical Reassessment

John Burchill et al. (University of British Columbia Press)

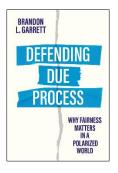
Police enforce the law, but they must also obey it. Statutes circumscribe how law enforcement officers conduct their work, yet Canadian courts have handed police many powers to stop, search, and otherwise investigate people in the pursuit of public safety and crime prevention. This book explains what these common-law police powers are; how they came to be; and, crucially, what the potential dangers are in their expanding scope. It also surveys the evolution, application, and future of judge-made police powers, using historical perspective, critical legal theory, and empirical analysis.



Bead By Bead: Constitutional Rights and the Métis Community

Ed. Yvonne Boyer, Larry Chartrand (University of British Columbia Press)

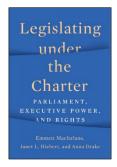
Bead by Bead explores the complexities surrounding Métis identity and rights in Canada. The book examines historical and ongoing denial of Métis claims related to land, resources, and governance, as well as issues such as colonial policies, invisibility of Métis women in legal decisions, and racist legal principles. Moving beyond uniform definitions, contributors raise critical questions about self-determination, kinship, and colonization, offering insights into how current legal doctrines constrain Métis rights. The essays aim to foster respectful constitutional relationships between Métis peoples and Canada.



Defending Due Process: Why Fairness Matters in a Polarized World

Brandon L. Garrett (Polity Press)

The book argues that fairness and due process—guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution—are under increasing threat in today's polarized society. The author examines why people prioritize outcomes over fair procedures and how weak judicial rules, flawed data, and practices like cash bail and asset forfeiture erode rights. Emerging technologies, including AI, further jeopardize due process. Garrett highlights efforts by lawyers, researchers, and lawmakers to restore fairness, stressing that reviving due process is essential to reduce polarization, rebuild trust, and protect constitutional freedoms.

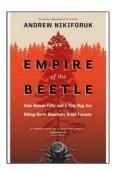


Legislating Under the Charter: Parliament, Executive Power, and Rights

Emmett Macfarlane et al. (University of Toronto Press)

This book explores how governments and Parliament justify limitations on rights when advancing laws that raise rights concerns or when responding to judicial decisions under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It offers a set of concrete reform proposals to improve the transparency and accountability of executive and bureaucratic vetting processes, and to strengthen the role of Parliament in upholding constitutional values and holding government to account. In doing so, it contributes to the broader scholarship on models of judicial review, morality policy, policy change, and constitutionalism.

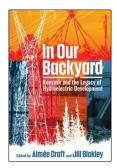
Natural Resources



Empire of the Beetle: How Human Folly and a Tiny Bug are Killing North America's Great Forests

Andrew Nikiforuk, David Suzuki Foundation (Greystone Books)

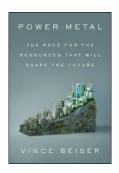
Beginning in the late 1980s, a series of pine beetle outbreaks unsettled iconic forests and communities across western North America. The author draws on first-hand accounts from entomologists, botanists, foresters, and rural residents to investigate this unprecedented pine beetle plague, its startling implications, and the lessons it holds.



In Our Backyard: Keeyask and the Legacy of Hydroelectric Development

Ed. Aimée Craft, Jill Blakely (University of Manitoba Press)

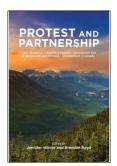
In Our Backyard examines the social, environmental, and cultural impacts of hydroelectric development in northern Manitoba, focusing on the Keeyask Dam. It highlights how decades of projects have transformed the Nelson River system and explores issues of sustainability, Indigenous rights, and regulatory processes. Drawing on public hearings and Indigenous voices, this book calls for more inclusive and principled decision-making in future resource development.



Power Metal: The Race For the Resource That Will Shape the Future

Vince Beiser (Riverhead Books)

Power Metal investigates the global scramble for critical metals like lithium, cobalt, and copper—resources essential for digital technology and renewable energy. Vince Beiser reports on the environmental destruction, human risks, and geopolitical tensions tied to mining and extraction, from ocean floor mining to Al-driven exploration. The book reveals how this race could enable a sustainable future or trigger ecological disaster, offering insights into the urgent need for responsible resource management.

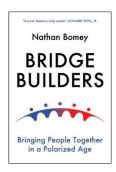


Protest and Partnership: Case Studies of Indigenous Peoples, Consultation and Engagement, and Resource Development in Canada

Ed. Jennifer Winter, Brendan Boyd (University of Calgary Press)

Protest and Partnership examines how Indigenous communities in Canada engage with resource development companies and governments to achieve equitable relationships and outcomes. Through case studies in sectors like oil and gas, mining, forestry, and renewable energy, the book analyzes processes that enable Indigenous participation, comanagement, and self-determined development. It highlights persistent failures in honoring treaty rights and meaningful consultation, while offering lessons on transparency, accountability, and collaboration for sustainable resource governance.

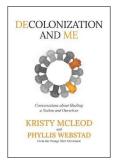
Personal and Professional Development



Bridge Builders: Bringing People Together in a Polarized Age

Nathan Bomey (Polity Press)

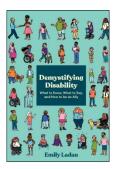
In this book, journalist Nathan Bomey discusses a group of countercultural leaders who believe in the power of forging connections as a means for initiating profound change. Though the blueprints for political, social, and cultural bridges vary widely, bridge builders have much in common. Bomey dissects the transformational ways in which they are combatting polarization by pursuing reconciliation, rejecting misinformation, and rethinking the principle of compromise.



Decolonization and Me: Conversations About Healing a Nation and Ourselves

Kristy McLeod, Phyllis Webstad (Medicine Wheel Publishing)

This book invites readers to step into a space of reflection on their personal relationship with truth, reconciliation, and Orange Shirt Day. Written in response to the increase of residential school denialism, Webstad and McLeod have collaborated to create a book that encourages readers to face their own biases. This book challenges readers through a series of sensitive conversations that explore decolonization, Indigenization, healing, and every person's individual responsibility to Truth and Reconciliation.



Demystifying Disability: What to Know, What to Say, and How to be an Ally

Emily Ladau (Ten Speed Press)

Demystifying Disability is a friendly handbook on important disability issues, including recognizing and avoiding ableism, practicing good disability etiquette, ensuring accessibility becomes your standard practice, appreciating disability history and identity, and identifying and speaking up about disability stereotypes in media. Authored by celebrated disability rights advocate, speaker, and writer Emily Ladau, this practical, intersectional guide offers all readers a welcoming place to understand disability as part of the human experience.



Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

Susan Cain (Broadway Paperbacks)

Quiet by Susan Cain explores how introverts are often misunderstood and undervalued in a culture that prizes extroversion. The book traces the rise of the "Extrovert Ideal," examines its impact on various sectors, and draws on research in psychology and neuroscience to highlight the importance of introverts' contributions to the world. Using real-life stories, it also offers practical advice for navigating an extrovert-driven world, empowering introverts to embrace their strengths and to value their unique perspectives.

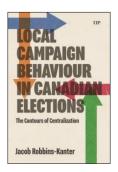
Political Science



The Canadian Environment in Political Context, Third Edition

Andrea Olive, Heather Millar (University of Toronto Press)

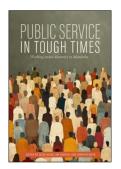
This book introduces readers to environmental politics in Canada. It surveys Canada's environmental quality, examines political institutions and policymaking, traces the history of environmentalism, and addresses contemporary issues. Enhanced with case studies, key terms, and a glossary, it provides a comprehensive foundation for understanding Canada's major environmental challenges in the 21st century.



Local Campaign Behaviour in Canadian Elections: The Contours of Centralization

Jacob Robbins-Kanter (University of Toronto Press)

Grounded in original data, this book explores the intricate dynamics between local campaigns and central party headquarters during Canadian elections, highlighting their cooperation, clashes, and divergences. It reveals the prevalence of undisciplined local campaign behaviour and the underestimated agency of local actors. The book argues that despite these difficulties, local campaigns retain meaningful agency to make critical decisions, influence election outcomes, and articulate local interests.

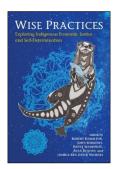


Public Service in Tough Times: Working Under Austerity in Manitoba

Ed. Jesse Hajer, Ian Hudson, Jennifer Keith (University of Manitoba Press) 🤛



Public Service in Tough Times sheds light on the cycle of understaffing, burnout, attrition, and despair created by austerity policy. Using survey data from thousands of public sector workers and statistics on spending and staffing, the editors demonstrate how cuts to government expenditures disproportionately benefit the wealthy and exacerbate poverty and inequality. This well researched case study delivers a critique of austerity and its consequences.



Wise Practices: Exploring Indigenous Economic Justice and Self-Determination

Ed. Robert Hamilton et al. (University of Toronto Press)

Wise Practices explores how Indigenous peoples in Canada pursue economic justice and political self-determination through specific legal, economic, and governance practices. Drawing on interviews with Indigenous leaders, the collection emphasizes lived experiences, addresses barriers to development, and examines how Indigenous law, state law, and economic strategies intersect to support community growth. The book offers diverse perspectives on Indigenous legal orders, governance, and grounded approaches to economic development.

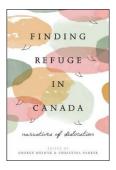
Social Issues



Evictions and Eviction Prevention in Canada

Sarah Zell, Scott McCullough (Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation)

This study, conducted in 2019 and early 2020, examines evictions in Canada through a literature review, interviews with housing service providers and people who have lived experience of eviction, and through the compilation of an inventory of eviction prevention measures across Canada. Findings suggest that across Canada, the drivers, types, frequency and scale of evictions have changed over the past 15 years, with a marked rise in development-related evictions in the context of a lack of affordable housing.



Finding Refuge in Canada: Narratives of Dislocation

Ed. George Melynk, Christina Parker (Athabasca University Press)

Collecting personal narratives from refugees, sponsors, activists, and civil servants, Finding Refuge in Canada offers critical perspectives on the social, political, and cultural challenges faced by refugees in Canada. The authors demonstrate how national attitudes toward globalism emerge from and shape the country's experience with dislocated peoples. Humanizing this international crisis, these stories invite readers to imagine the possibilities of a more equitable future.



First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Perspectives on Identity, Citizenship, and Safeguarding **Opportunities: What We Heard**

Indigenous Identity Working Group at the University of Winnipeg 🐆



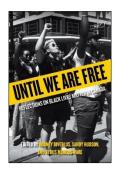
The University of Winnipeg launched the Indigenous Identity Working Group (IIWG) in July 2023. Led by Associate Vice-President of Indigenous Engagement, Dr. Chantal Fiola, and Co-Chair Dr. Paul DePasquale, the IIWG identified Indigenous stakeholder groups and oversaw the engagement process that led to this report. The recommendations in this report will guide the development of a policy to mitigate Indigenous identity fraud and to protect opportunities for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit staff and students.



"They Just Need to Get a Job": 15 Myths on Homelessness

Mary Brosnahan (Beacon Press)

The former CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless breaks through the highly destructive misinformation surrounding our homeless neighbors. Drawing on her deep legal knowledge, policy expertise, and decades of frontline service, Brosnahan cuts through the misinformation to deliver two important messages: that homelessness ultimately stems from a lack of investment in affordable housing; and that the greatest myth of all is that we should have no hope. She concludes that the proven solutions are well documented, and the ability to enact them depends on community working together.



Until We Are Free: Reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada

Ed. by Rodney Diverlus et al. (University of Regina Press)

An anthology of writing addressing the most urgent issues facing the Black community in Canada. The Black Lives Matter message found fertile ground in Canada, where Black activists speak of generations of injustice and continue the work of the Black liberators who have come before them. The book describes these efforts and highlights present-day developments in Canadian Black activism, organizing efforts through the use of social media, Black-Indigenous alliances, and more.

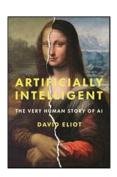


Young Women's Experiences of Anti-Muslim Racism in Schools

Fadi Ennab et al. (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)

The purpose of this research project was to examine the experiences of Muslim young women as related to safety and racism in Winnipeg public schools. The report is based on interviews with ten Muslim students, most of whom identified as Black and/or Arab, and two key informants. By shedding light on their stories, the study hopes to contribute to a fuller understanding of the lived experiences of Muslim young women and inform strategies and interventions to support their well-being within schools.

Technology and Innovation



Artificially Intelligent: The Very Human Story of AI

David Eliot (Aevo, University of Toronto Press)

Artificially Intelligent answers today's most pressing questions about AI — from the fundamental to the futuristic — offering readers a new, informed worldview. AI researcher, David Eliot, takes readers on a journey through the key moments and decisions that have shaped the creation of AI and our world. Written as a socially driven history, this book explores the technical breakthroughs of AI and the social forces that made them possible.



Telecom Tensions: Internet Service Providers and Public Policy in Canada

Mike Zajko (McGill-Queen's University Press)

From urban data hubs to publicly funded rural networks, *Telecom Tensions* examines the physical infrastructure, power dynamics, and political ambitions shaping Canada's telecommunications landscape. Combining theoretical insight with the realities of communities and technologies, this book offers a fresh perspective on the political economy of telecom. It revisits debates on liberalization and public access while engaging with contemporary issues such as privacy, copyright, net neutrality, and cybersecurity.