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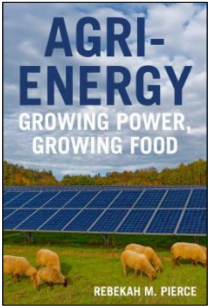
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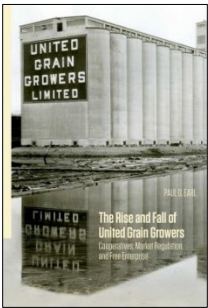
## Agriculture



### **Agri-Energy: Growing Power, Growing Food**

Rebekah Pierce (Island Press)

*Agri-Energy* argues that renewable energy and agriculture need not compete for land, showing how wind and solar can be integrated with sustainable farming. Rebekah M. Pierce demonstrates that agri-energy can provide economic stability for farmers while benefiting ecosystems, livestock, and rural communities. Drawing on real-world examples and policy analysis, the book offers a practical guide to making food and energy production work together.

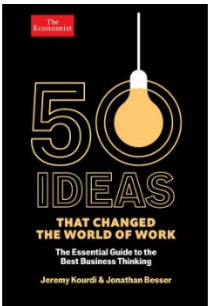


### **The Rise and Fall of United Grain Growers: Cooperatives, Market Regulation, and Free Enterprise**

Paul D. Earl (University of Manitoba Press) 🐷

Founded in 1906, United Grain Growers (UGG) offered farmers an alternative to private grain companies and fully cooperative pools, and played a central role in shaping grain policy, transportation debates, and international market expansion. Its shift to public ownership helped modernize its infrastructure but weakened its cooperative foundations, paving the way for its takeover. This book traces UGG's rise, influence, and ultimate disappearance, revealing the broader transformation of the Prairie grain industry and the end of farmer-controlled grain handling in Canada.

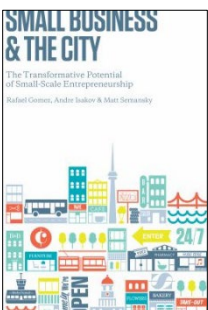
## Business and Job Creation



### **50 Ideas That Changed the World of Work: The Essential Guide to the Best Business Thinking**

Jeremy Kourdi, Jonathan Besser (Pegasus Books / Economist Newspaper Ltd.)

When ideas break new ground and reshape how people think about their work, they have the power to make individuals happier and more productive. The challenge lies in identifying which ideas offer the most dependable insights and understanding how they can be adapted and applied effectively. By distilling and explaining the most influential concepts, *50 Ideas That Changed the World of Work* serves as both a vision and a guide—a valuable, insightful resource for navigating today's evolving world of work.

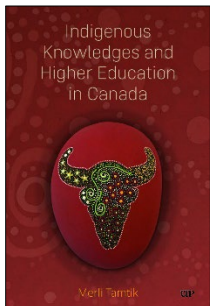


### **Small Business and the City: The Transformative Potential of Small-Scale Entrepreneurship**

Rafael Gomez, Andre Isakov, Matt Semansky (University of Toronto Press)

This work examines how small-scale entrepreneurship shapes and revitalizes urban neighbourhoods, emphasizing the role of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) in helping local businesses collaborate and thrive. The authors analyze the conditions and policies that support independent enterprises and foster innovation, economic growth, and community vitality. The book proposes a “main street agenda” to guide cities in strengthening locally driven urban development.

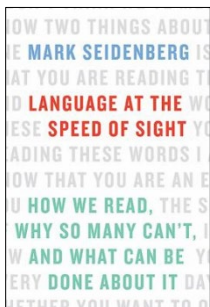
## Education



### **Indigenous Knowledges and Higher Education in Canada**

Merli Tamtik (University of Toronto Press)

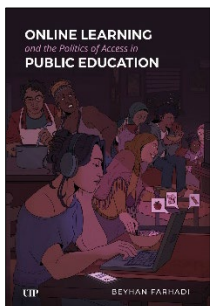
This book examines the relationship between Indigenous knowledges and the shifting landscape of higher education in Canada, highlighting the significant role these knowledges play in shaping institutional policies, practices, and cultures. Grounded in decolonial perspectives, the book addresses the persistent struggle within universities to confront ongoing colonialism and achieve systemic change. This book advocates for a path of decolonization through intentional learning and unlearning.



### **Language at the Speed of Sight: How We Read, Why So Many Can't, and What Can Be Done About It**

Mark S. Seidenberg (Basic Books)

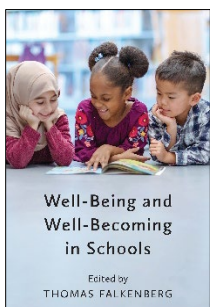
A cognitive scientist examines the scientific foundations of reading, arguing that widespread instructional practices are inconsistent with evidence from cognitive science, linguistics, and neuroscience. The book highlights how ineffective teaching methods contribute to persistent literacy challenges, particularly among disadvantaged and struggling readers. It advocates for evidence-based approaches to reading instruction to improve literacy outcomes and reduce educational inequality.



### **Online Learning and the Politics of Access in Public Education**

Beyhan Farhadi (University of Toronto Press)

*Online Learning and the Politics of Access in Public Education* challenges the idea that online education offers a universal solution, demonstrating how e-learning often mirrors and deepens existing inequalities in K–12 education. Farhadi examines ethical issues such as data surveillance, corporate influence, and the commodification of public schooling, questioning whether technology can truly improve equity and quality. Drawing on pandemic-era education, the book highlights how market-driven approaches to online learning can reinforce long-standing social and cultural disparities.

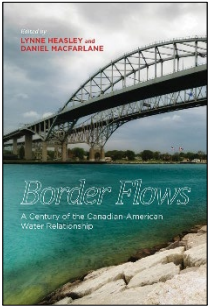


### **Well-Being and Well-Becoming in Schools**

Ed. Thomas Falkenberg (University of Toronto Press)

Written by Canadian education scholars from a Manitoba-based research group, this edited collection examines student well-being as a central aim of school education. It explores foundational, socio-cultural, organizational, and pedagogical dimensions of well-being and “well-becoming.” The book offers an integrative framework to guide research and to support educators, policy developers, and leaders in fostering flourishing school environments.

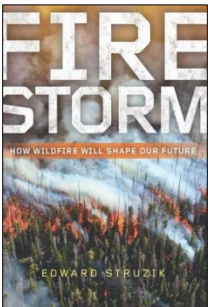
## Environment and Natural Resources



### **Border Flows: A Century of the Canadian-American Water Relationship**

Ed. Lynne Heasley, Daniel Macfarlane (University of Calgary Press)

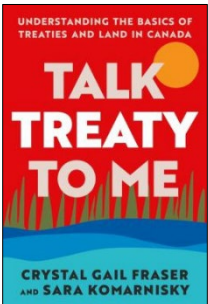
*Border Flows* traces the effort by Canada and the United States to manage and care for their ecologically and economically shared rivers and lakes. From multiple perspectives, the book reveals alternative paradigms in water history, law, and policy, ranging in scale from the local to the transnational. Students, concerned citizens, and policymakers alike will benefit from the lessons to be found along this critical border.



### **Firestorm: How Wildfires Will Shape Our Future**

Edward Struzik (Island Press)

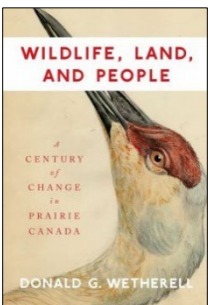
Journalist Edward Struzik examines the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire to illustrate the increasing frequency and intensity of “megafires” driven by hotter temperatures, stronger winds, and drier conditions. Through a combination of scientific analysis and firsthand accounts, Struzik argues that wildfires are an unavoidable reality and calls for a fundamental shift in how they are managed. The book emphasizes the need for greater preparedness and a deeper understanding of the long-term environmental and societal impacts of large-scale fires.



### **Talk Treaty to Me: Understanding the Basics of Treaties and Land in Canada**

Crystal Gail Fraser, Sara Komarnisky (Collins)

*Talk Treaty to Me* explains how treaties—past and present—shape land, relationships, and responsibilities in Canada. It traces treaty-making among Indigenous Peoples and with Britain and Canada, while addressing concepts such as sovereignty, unceded territory, Métis scrip, and modern land claims. The book also examines the impacts of settler colonialism, land acknowledgements, and reconciliation, concluding with practical steps toward supporting truth and reconciliation.



### **Wildlife, Land, and People: A Century of Change in Prairie Canada**

Donald Grant Wetherell (McGill-Queen’s University Press)

Presenting a history of human interactions with wildlife in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan between 1870 and 1960, *Wildlife, Land, and People* examines the confrontations that led to diverse consequences - from the near annihilation of some species to the extraordinary preservation of others. It skillfully finds the roots of these human-animal relationships in people’s needs for food, sport, security, economic development, personal fulfillment, and identity.

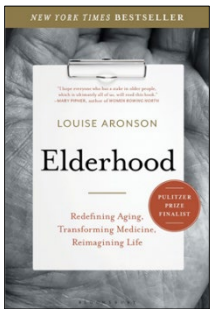
## Health and Well-Being



### **Anti/Vax: Reframing the Vaccination Controversy**

Bernice L. Hausman (ILR, an imprint of Cornell University Press)

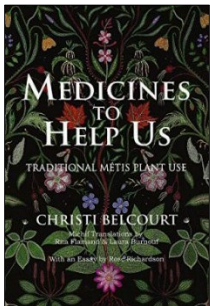
*Anti/Vax* reveals that resistance to vaccination consolidates several cultural issues—from critiques of medicalization to concerns about government overreach—and raises questions about public health norms. Researched and published before the Covid-19 pandemic, this exploration of the cultural themes animating vaccine skepticism continues to illuminate controversies over vaccination today.



### **Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life**

Louise Aronson (Bloomsbury Publishing)

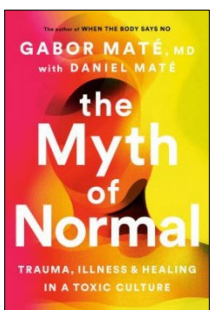
Harvard-trained geriatrician, Louise Aronson, draws on her 25-year career, along with insights from history, science, literature, popular culture, and her own life, to present a nuanced vision of aging. She portrays old age as a stage marked by joy, frustration, outrage, and hope, offering a deeply empathetic perspective on medicine, aging, and what it means to be human. A *New York Times* bestseller, this work is an essential and compassionate examination of a vital yet often undervalued phase of life.



### **Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use**

Christi Belcourt et al. (Gabriel Dumont Institute)

In *Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use*, Christi Belcourt combines her evocative art style with research on plants and traditional knowledge to examine Métis medicinal practices and the healing properties of the plants depicted in her paintings. This vibrant and innovative work honours the enduring healing traditions of Métis women.

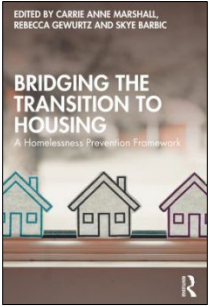


### **The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness, & Healing in a Toxic Culture**

Gabor Maté, Daniel Maté (Alfred A. Knopf Canada)

*The Myth of Normal* examines why chronic illness and poor mental health are rising in Western societies despite advanced health care systems. Gabor Maté argues that modern culture, trauma, and chronic stress undermine physical and emotional well-being, while Western medicine often ignores these root causes. The book connects individual illness to broader social conditions and offers a compassionate framework for healing that emphasizes the whole person.

## Housing, Addiction and Homelessness



### **Bridging the Transition to Housing: A Homelessness Prevention Framework**

Ed. Carrie Anne Marshall, Rebecca Gewurtz, Skye Barbic (Routledge)

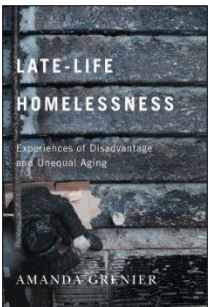
This book presents a detailed exploration of the Bridging the Transition framework, an approach designed to guide practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and advocates on strategies for preventing and ending homelessness. Taking a functional and participatory approach to homelessness prevention, chapters describe the processes of leaving homelessness, strategies that can be used at individual, community, and population levels for supporting function and participation in daily life, and guiding principles for practice, research, and policy.



### **First, Do Less Harm: Harm Reduction as a Principle of Law and Policy**

Ed. Vanessa Gruben, Chelsea Cox (University of Ottawa Press)

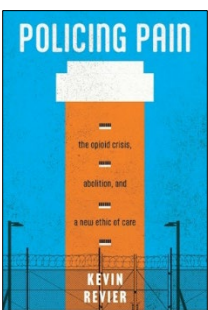
*First, Do Less Harm* explores how the ongoing opioid crisis emphasizes the pressing need for safe consumption sites and life-saving tools like naloxone. Readers will be able to gain a deeper understanding of how different approaches to harm reduction can create a stronger foundation for more effective policies and legislation. Scholars from law and social sciences collaborate with frontline organizations and individuals with lived experience to reflect diverse perspectives and transform how society addresses substance-related challenges.



### **Late-Life Homelessness: Experiences of Disadvantages and Unequal Aging**

Amanda Grenier (McGill-Queen's University Press)

Drawing together findings from policy documents, stakeholder insights, and interviews with older people, this book demonstrates how structures, organizational practices, and relationships related to homelessness and aging come to shape late life. Situated in the context of an aging population, rising inequality, and declining social commitments, *Late-Life Homelessness* stresses the moral imperative of responding justly to the needs of older people as a means of mitigating the unequal aging of unhoused elders.

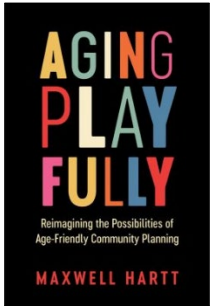


### **Policing Pain : The Opioid Crisis, Abolition, and a New Ethic of Care**

Kevin Revier (NYU Press)

*Policing Pain* argues that, despite calls to move away from punitive drug policies, reforms tied to the criminal legal system instead prolong the drug war by framing people who use opioids as both patients and offenders. Drawing on two years of research, Revier shows how this dual approach expands carceral control, particularly in rural and economically marginalized communities. The book advocates for abolitionist harm reduction strategies that support people who use drugs while limiting their involvement with the justice system.

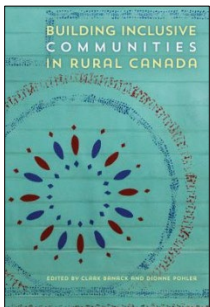
## Inclusive Communities and Infrastructure



### **Aging Playfully: Reimagining the Possibilities of Age-Friendly Community Planning**

Maxwell Hartt (University of British Columbia Press)

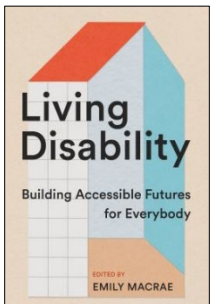
*Aging Playfully* suggests that play supports health, creativity, and social connection in later life, yet is often overlooked in community design. Drawing on research and case studies, Maxwell Hartt offers practical guidelines for creating age-friendly spaces that support diverse abilities, encourage engagement, and integrate play into everyday community life. It calls on planners and policymakers to rethink assumptions about aging and design communities that enable play across the lifespan.



### **Building Inclusive Communities in Rural Canada**

Ed. Clark Banack, Dionne Pohler (University of Alberta Press)

This collection challenges misconceptions about rural Canada. While examining the extent and nature of contemporary cultural and religious discrimination in rural Canadian communities, the editors and contributors explore the many efforts by rural citizens, community groups, and municipalities to counter intolerance, build inclusive communities, and become better neighbours. Throughout, scholars and community leaders focus on building new understandings, language, and ways of thinking about diversity and inclusion that will resonate with rural people.



### **Living Disability: Building Accessible Futures for Everybody**

Ed. Emily Macrae (Coach House Books)

*Living Disability* is an anthology that brings together diverse voices to explore disability justice and urban systems. Using personal stories and analysis, it demonstrates how disabled individuals are already shaping more inclusive cities, moving beyond policy frameworks to practical, lived approaches. The collection highlights how accessible design in areas like transit, housing, and public space can better support all members of a community and encourages collaboration with disabled communities to rethink how cities are designed and experienced.

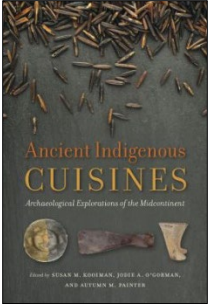


### **You'll Pay for This: How We Can Afford A Great City for Everyone, Forever**

Michael Durand-Wood (Great Plains Press) 🐃

Cities offer essential amenities such as parks, pools, and libraries, while also delivering critical services including sanitation, public safety, and clean drinking water. They must sustain these responsibilities not only in the present but over the long term. This raises important questions about whether cities can maintain these commitments indefinitely, and what changes may be required if they cannot. With sharp analysis and a touch of humour, the author examines the financial realities behind failing infrastructure and shrinking municipal budgets.

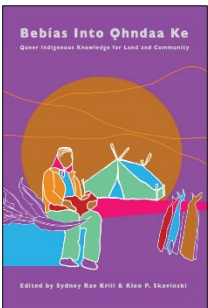
## Indigenous Studies



### **Ancient Indigenous Cuisines : Archaeological Explorations of the Midcontinent**

Ed. Susan Kooiman et al. (University of Alabama Press)

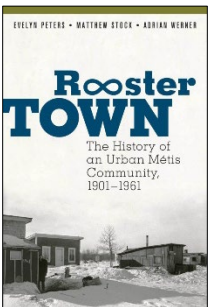
This book is the first to examine recent trends in Midwestern foodways archaeology, using the lens of cuisine: the selection of food ingredients, food preparation, and serving/consumption in relation to their social, cultural, and environmental contexts. This work spans the Early Archaic to Late Precontact periods, focusing on the ecological zones of present-day Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Manitoba. Chapters trace the development from hunter-gathering to horticulture, and then to farming, fishing, and hunting systems.



### **Bebías Into Qhndaa Ke: Queer Indigenous Knowledge for Land and Community**

Sydney Rae Krill, Kleo P. Skavinski (ARP Books) 🐾

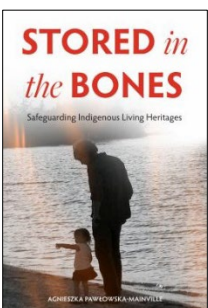
*Bebías Into Qhndaa Ke* is a collection of essays, stories, and conversations that center queer, trans, and Two-Spirit Indigenous knowledge as vital to land, community, and care. Featuring voices from across Indigenous nations, with strong representation from northern regions, the book explores how land, belonging, governance, and cultural resurgence intersect with queer Indigenous experience. It affirms that queer Indigenous people have always belonged on the land and offers hopeful, practical visions for inclusive, self-determining futures.



### **Rooster Town: The History of an Urban Métis Community, 1901-1961**

Evelyn Peters, Matthew Stock, Adrian Werner (University of Manitoba Press) 🐾

Rooster Town endured on the outskirts of southwest Winnipeg from 1901 to 1961. In other growing settler cities, the Indigenous experience was largely characterized by removal and confinement. But the continuing presence of Métis living and working in the city, and the establishment of Rooster Town itself, made the Winnipeg experience unique. *Rooster Town* documents the story of a community rooted in kinship, culture, and historical circumstance, whose residents existed unofficially in the cracks of municipal bureaucracy, while navigating the legacy of colonialism and the demands and urbanization.

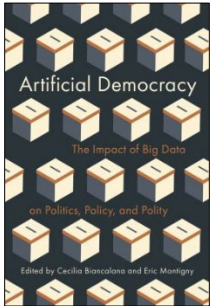


### **Stored in the Bones: Safeguarding Indigenous Living Heritages**

Agnieszka Pawłowska-Mainville (University of Manitoba Press) 🐾

*Stored in the Bones* examines how Indigenous intangible cultural heritage (ICH)—community-based knowledge, practices, and traditions—is lived, shared, and preserved. Drawing on fifteen years of work with Anishinaabeg and Inninuwig harvesters, the author highlights the lived experiences and life stories of “men of the land,” showing how everyday practices sustain cultural continuity. Overall, the study presents practical and policy-relevant approaches for safeguarding Indigenous knowledge, positioning ICH as a tool for advancing cultural preservation, land rights, and community interests.

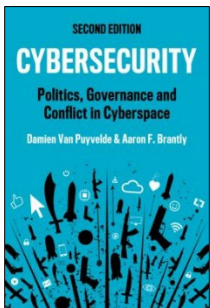
## Innovation and Technology



### **Artificial Democracy: The Impact of Big Data on Politics, Policy, and Polity**

Ed. Cecilia Biancalana, Éric Montigny (University of British Columbia Press)

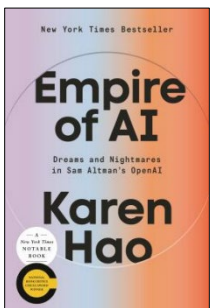
*Artificial Democracy* examines how big data and artificial intelligence are reshaping democratic systems, political practices, and relationships between citizens, governments, and corporations. The book explores concrete developments such as data-driven campaigning, micro-targeting, and tensions between privacy and surveillance. Bringing together international and multidisciplinary perspectives, it assesses both the risks and the potentially positive transformations that data and AI introduce into democratic life.



### **Cybersecurity: Politics, Governance and Conflict in Cyberspace**

Damien Van Puyvelde, Aron Franklin Brantly (Polity Press)

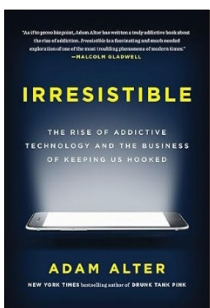
In this fully updated second edition, Van Puyvelde and Brantly provide a cutting-edge introduction to the key concepts, controversies and policy debates in cybersecurity today. Exploring the interactions of individuals, groups and states in cyberspace, and the integrated security risks to which these give rise, they examine cyberspace as a complex socio-technical-economic domain that fosters both great potential and peril. This edition includes "reader's guides" and active-learning exercises, in addition to questions for group discussion.



### **Empire of AI: Dreams and Nightmares in Sam Altman's OpenAI**

Karen Hao (Penguin Press)

*Empire of AI* traces Karen Hao's evolving investigation of OpenAI, from its origins as a nonprofit committed to safety to its transformation into a powerful, corporate-backed leader of the AI industry. Hao argues that modern AI depends on vast and extractive resources, concentrating power in the hands of a few global companies. Drawing on insider access and global reporting, the book links OpenAI's trajectory to broader political, social, and environmental costs and offers a critical portrait of an industry shaping a new age of technological empire.

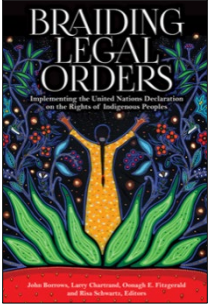


### **Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the Business of Keeping Us Hooked**

Adam Alter (Penguin Books)

In this book, Adam Alter, a professor of psychology and marketing at NYU, tracks the rise of behavioral addiction, and explains why so many of today's products are irresistible. By reverse engineering behavioral addiction, Alter explains how we can harness addictive products for the good—to improve how we communicate with each other, spend and save our money, and set boundaries between work and play—and how we can mitigate their most damaging effects on our well-being, and the health and happiness of children.

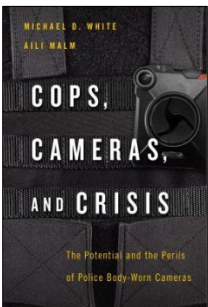
## Law and Justice



### **Braiding Legal Orders: Implementing the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Ed. John Burrows et al. (Centre for International Governance Innovation)

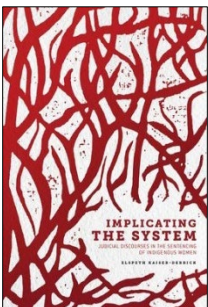
UNDRIP is a pivotal opportunity to explore the relationship between international law, Indigenous peoples' own laws, and Canada's constitutional narratives. Written by Indigenous legal scholars and policy leaders, and guided by the metaphor of braiding international, domestic, and Indigenous laws into a strong, unified whole composed of distinct parts, the book makes visible the possibilities for reconciliation from different angles and under different lenses.



### **Cops, Cameras, and Crisis: The Potential and the Perils of Police Body-Worn Cameras**

Michael White, Aili Malm (New York University Press)

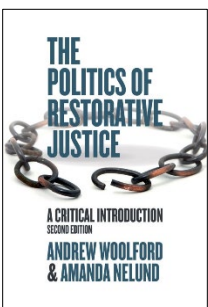
Drawing on research and commentary from experts with experience using police-worn body cameras, the authors show the benefits and drawbacks of this technology for police departments, police officers, and members of the public. Ultimately, they identify--and assess--each claim, weighing in on whether the specter of being "caught on tape" is capable of changing a criminal justice system in need of reform. A helpful read for policymakers, police leaders, and activists interested in twenty-first-century policing and crime prevention.



### **Implicating the System: Judicial Discourses in the Sentencing of Indigenous Women**

Elspeth Kaiser-Derrick (University of Manitoba Press) 🐄

This book analyzes how judicial reasoning influences the sentencing of Indigenous women in Canada, emphasizing the links between victimization, criminalization, and colonial impacts. Drawing on analysis from 175 court decisions, it assesses how Gladue principles are applied, highlighting both effective and limited uses of contextual and gender-sensitive analysis. It argues for more nuanced sentencing approaches and raises concerns about restrictions on alternatives to incarceration.

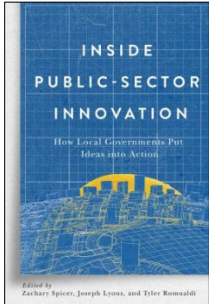


### **The Politics of Restorative Justice: A Critical Introduction, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**

Andrew Woolford, Amanda Nelund (Fernwood Publishing) 🐄

This updated edition examines restorative justice as a political practice and argues that it must move beyond narrow applications to achieve transformative outcomes. Woolford and Nelund emphasize the need to address intersecting inequalities—such as class, gender, race, and settler colonialism—that shape how justice is experienced and enacted. The book also expands on emotional and embodied dimensions of justice, incorporates updated examples, and considers ecological and other perspectives in restorative approaches.

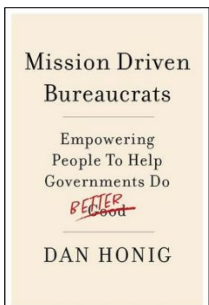
## Political Science and Public Service



### **Inside Public-Sector Innovation: How Local Governments Put Ideas into Action**

Ed. Zachary Spicer et al. (McGill-Queen's University Press)

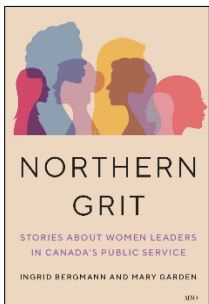
*Inside Public-Sector Innovation* examines how Canadian local governments turn innovative ideas into practice. Drawing on case studies from rural, urban, and suburban municipalities, this book highlights organizational, procedural, and customer-focused innovations in areas such as inclusion, public health, sustainability, and service delivery. Written for practitioners, it emphasizes practical lessons from public servants directly involved in implementation.



### **Mission Driven Bureaucrats: Empowering People to Help Governments Do Better**

Dan Honig (Oxford University Press)

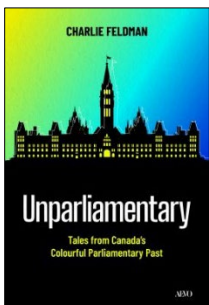
*Mission Driven Bureaucrats* argues that governments perform better when they manage public servants through empowerment rather than strict compliance. Dan Honig contends that control-heavy, monitoring-focused management often demotivates mission-driven workers, while autonomy, trust, and a sense of purpose can reduce corruption and improve public value. Drawing on international evidence, practical strategies, and real-life profiles of civil servants, the book makes the case for empowerment-oriented management to attract, sustain, and unleash committed bureaucrats.



### **Northern Grit: Stories About Women Leaders in Canada's Public Service**

Ingrid Bergmann, Mary Garden (Aevo, an imprint of University of Toronto Press)

*Northern Grit* explores leadership in the public sector through the real-life experiences of women who have shaped government across Canada. Drawing on interviews and executive coaching insights, the book examines the challenges, skills, and strategies involved in navigating complex public-sector environments. Blending personal stories with practical guidance and reflective exercises, it highlights political acumen, mentorship, inclusion, and resilience while redefining what leadership looks like today.

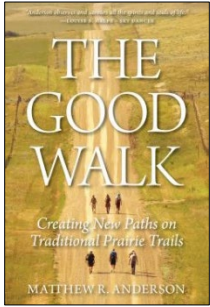


### **Unparliamentary: Tales from Canada's Colourful Parliamentary Past**

Charlie Feldman (Aevo, University of Toronto Press)

Moving from Confederation to the present day, Charlie Feldman explores moments from the less formal side of national politics, including conflicts between parliamentarians and acts of disorder, as well as instances of controversy and error in both the Senate and House of Commons. *Unparliamentary* draws on a wide range of historical and archival materials to document these incidents and bring them to life. Demonstrating how parliamentary truth is sometimes stranger than fiction, this book is written in a direct and accessible style and functions as both a reference work and as a readable account of the Parliament's unconventional history.

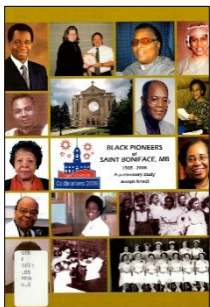
## Prairie Life and History



### **The Good Walk: Creating New Paths on Traditional Prairie Trails**

Matthew Anderson (University of Regina Press)

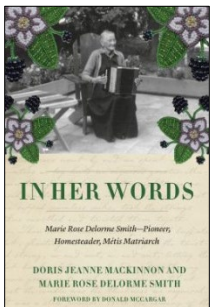
*The Good Walk* combines memoir, travelogue, and manifesto to recount annual prairie pilgrimages begun in 2015 by a diverse group of walkers. Moving across Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories, the narrative blends Indigenous, Métis, and settler perspectives with stories of rural Saskatchewan, exploring both the region's past and its changing present. Through these journeys, the book reflects on colonial history, highlighting ongoing divisions around land, race, and belonging. The walkers' experiences—marked by hardship, humour, and reflection—become a way to witness history, confront injustice, and imagine new relationships to the land and to one another.



### **Black Pioneers of Saint Boniface, MB; 1908-2008: A Preliminary Study / Les Pionniers Noirs de Saint Boniface, MB; 1908-2008: Étude Préliminaire**

Dr. Joseph Nnadi (Rinella Press)

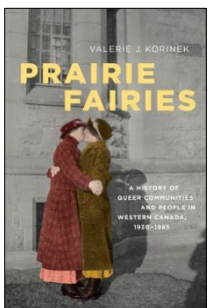
This book brings together the life stories of individuals and groups, reflecting on the Black Francophone experience in Saint Boniface. It provides insight into the social climate of the period and highlights their significant contributions to the community. Prepared to coincide with the centennial of St. Boniface's incorporation (1908–2008), the text is presented in both French and English.



### **In Her Words: Marie Rose Delorme Smith: Pioneer, Homesteader, Métis Matriarch**

Doris Jeanne MacKinnon, Marie Rose Delorme Smith (Heritage House)

Born into a prominent fur-trading family and remembered as a community builder and rancher, Marie Rose Delorme Smith (1861-1960) is seldom recognized as a writer and chronicler of Métis and Prairie history. She recorded a wealth of written records and stories throughout her long life, in the form of letters, published articles, unpublished manuscripts, and personal documents. Historian and biographer Doris Jeanne MacKinnon presents an extensive array of Delorme Smith's writings, preserved verbatim, and puts them in historical and social context.

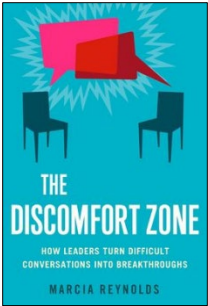


### **Prairie Fairies: A History of Queer Communities & People in Western Canada, 1930-1985**

Valerie Joyce Korinek (University of Toronto Press)

This book draws upon a wealth of oral, archival and cultural histories to recover the experiences of queer urban and rural people in the prairies, including Winnipeg. Korinek pays tribute to the prairie activists and actors who were responsible for creating spaces for socializing, politicizing and organizing other queer people, both in the cities and rural areas. *Prairie Fairies* historicizes the transformation of prairie towns and farming communities into urban and diverse places.

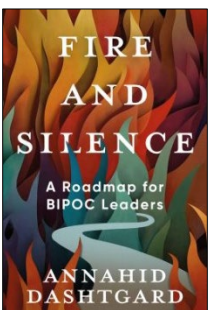
## Professional Development



### **The Discomfort Zone: How Leaders Turn Difficult Conversations into Breakthroughs**

Marcia Reynolds (Berrett-Koehler Publishers)

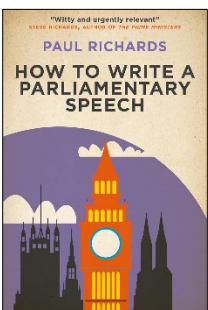
Leadership coach Marcia Reynolds presents a model that uses the “Discomfort Zone”—when the mind is most open to learning—to help people think more deeply, approach problems strategically, and move beyond limitations. Drawing on neuroscience, she shows how targeted questioning can bypass defensive reactions and habitual thinking. Through this approach, individuals arrive at their own insights and solutions, while practical exercises and case studies demonstrate how acknowledging discomfort in conversations can lead to lasting change and stronger workplace engagement.



### **Fire and Silence: A Roadmap for BIPOC Leaders**

Annahid Dashtgard (Dundurn Press)

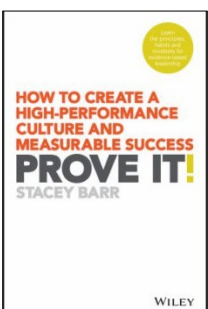
Organizations need strong leadership to help navigate uncertainty and complexity. A crucial yet overlooked group of leaders are also racial minorities, who often move into positions of influence with little support or acknowledgement. Annahid Dashtgard offers proven strategies and real-world stories alongside practical tips and tools to support growing numbers of BIPOC leaders in achieving the impact and recognition they deserve — without having to sacrifice who they are in the process.



### **How to Write a Parliamentary Speech: A Practical Guide for Politicians and Speechwriters**

Paul Richards (Biteback Publishing)

*How to Write a Parliamentary Speech* is a practical guide for effective speechwriting. In this guidebook, Paul Richards deploys his thirty years’ experience writing parliamentary speeches to offer a complete breakdown of the form. From the Maiden Speech to the resignation farewell, Richards explains, in clear terms, the mechanics beneath every speech an MP will ever have to make.

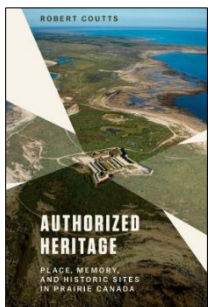


### **Prove It! How to Create A High-Performance Culture and Measurable Success**

Stacey Barr (Wiley)

“*Prove It!*” is a guidebook dedicated to evidence-based leadership. Grounded in the principles of PuMP—Stacey Barr’s practical, engaging methodology for meaningful organizational performance measurement—this book gives leaders a clear, concrete, and quantifiable way to demonstrate how well their organization is truly performing.

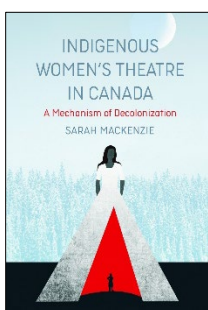
## Sport, Culture, Heritage, and Tourism



### **Authorized Heritage: Place, Memory, and Historic Sites in Prairie Canada**

Robert Coutts (University of Manitoba Press) 🐄

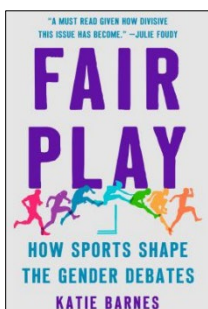
*Authorized Heritage* examines how heritage sites in western Canada have been commemorated through narratives often shaped by government perspectives and colonial values. Drawing on archival research, it shows how official interpretations tend to emphasize a national story while overlooking alternative viewpoints. Focusing on contested sites, the book highlights tensions between Indigenous and settler understandings of history. It argues that heritage is fluid and shaped by power, revealing how governments influence what is remembered, while issues of class, gender, and sexuality are often marginalized.



### **Indigenous Women's Theatre in Canada: A Mechanism for Decolonization**

Sarah MacKenzie (Fernwood Publishing) 🐄

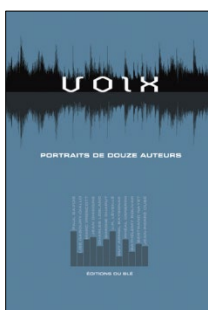
This book addresses the lack of critical attention to Indigenous women playwrights in Canada by examining their works within historical and socio-cultural contexts. It analyzes plays by Monique Mojica, Marie Clements, and Yvette Nolan, focusing on how they represent and challenge gendered colonial violence. Drawing on Indigenous, feminist, and postcolonial theory, the book argues that these works use decolonizing aesthetics to resist harmful stereotypes, highlight resilience, and create space for cultural healing and decolonial futures.



### **Fair Play: How Sports Shape the Gender Debate**

Katie Barnes (St. Martin's Press)

A richly reported and provocative look at the history of women's sports and the controversy surrounding trans athletes by a leading LGBTQ+ sports journalist. It traces the impact of Title IX and the growth of women's athletics while highlighting how shifting understandings of gender are challenging traditional, binary frameworks in sport. Through case studies and policy discussions, it explores competing perspectives on fairness and inclusion, ultimately proposing solutions aimed at protecting opportunities while supporting all athletes.



### **Voix: portraits de douze auteurs**

Sandrine Hallion, Bertrand Nayet, Charles Leblanc (Les Éditions du Blé) 🐄

Voix présente un chœur de douze voix riches d'idées, de mots, de manières de dire, à la fois régionales et universelles. Au fil de leurs confidences, sans doute ferez-vous quelques découvertes et reconnaitrez-vous ce que leurs accents doivent à l'exploration des territoires de la littérature et de ceux de l'humanité.