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As this catalogue goes to press at the end of August, we are all now moving into the sixth month of the COVID-19 pandemic and the health and economic turmoil it has produced. Here in Canada, social, educational, and commercial spaces are gradually and tentatively reopening, but into what is now a very different and uncertain world. Throughout these trying and unprecedented circumstances, our many friends and colleagues in every part of the world book trade have continued to show their commitment to keeping the world of books and ideas alive. We remain grateful for their steadfast dedication and amazing ability to improvise and adapt. The cover photo of this season’s cover captures a stirring moment of social protest. It reminds us of the other most significant event of the last six months. Inspired by Black Lives Matter, this summer millions of people globally, collectively, and individually called for social justice. It was inspiring that these protests came despite the pressures of a worldwide health crisis. They have fundamentally changed our political and social discourse, and vividly remind us again of the power of individuals and communities to make change. As publishers, we remain committed to being a part of this tradition of critical inquiry and social engagement.

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In and Beyond the Courts
Nathalie Kermoal and Chris Andersen, eds.

“In and Beyond the Courts”

Nathalie Kermoal is a professor in the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta and Director of Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research. Her latest book is Living on the Land: Indigenous Women’s Understanding of Place, which she co-edited with Isabel Altamirano-Jimenez.

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Authorization Heritage analyses the history of commemoration at heritage sites across western Canada. Using extensive research from predominantly government records, it argues that heritage narratives are almost always based on national messages that commonly reflect colonial perceptions of the past. Yet many of the places that commemorate Indigenous, fur trade, and settler histories are contested spaces, places such as Batoche, Seven Oaks, and Upper Fort Garry being the most obvious. At these heritage sites, Indigenous views of history confront the conventions of settler colonial pasts and represent the fluid cultural perspectives that should define the shifting ground of heritage space.

Robert Coutts brings his many years of experience as a public historian to this detailed examination of heritage sites across the prairies. He shows how the process of commemoration often reflects social and cultural perspectives that privilege a conventional and conservative national narrative. He also examines how class, gender, and sexuality often remain apart from the heritage discourse. Most notably, Authorized Heritage examines how governments became the mediators of what is heritage and, just as significantly, what is not.

Robert Coutts worked as a historian with Parks Canada for over thirty years, researching historic sites throughout western and northern Canada. He is the author or co-author of three books and has published articles and reviews in journals in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain. He is also the editor of the journal Prairie History.

“Authorized Heritage offers sharp and fresh insights to the field of Canadian and public history. It is a highly original mix of personal experience and academic research and analysis.”
—Sarah Carter, Professor, Department of History and Classics, University of Alberta.
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Remembering an urban residential school

The Assiniboia school is unique within Canada’s Indian Residential School system. It was the first residential high school in Manitoba and one of the only residential schools in Canada to be located in a large urban setting. Operating between 1958 and 1973, in a period when the residential school system was largely in decline, it produced several future leaders, artists, educators, knowledge keepers, and other notable figures, including Phil Fontaine, artist Robert Houle, and Senator Mary Jane MacCallum. It was in many ways an experiment within the broader destructive framework of Canadian residential schools.

Stitching together memories of former students with a socio-historical reconstruction of the school and its position in both Winnipeg and the larger residential school system, *Did You See Us?* offers a glimpse of Assiniboia that is not available in the archival records. It connects readers with a specific residential school and illustrates that residential schools were often complex spaces where forced assimilation and Indigenous resilience co-existed.

These recollections of Assiniboia at times diverge, but together exhibit Survivor resilience and the strength of the relationships that bond them to this day. The volume captures the troubled history of residential schools and invites the reader to join in a reunion of sorts, entered into through memories and images of students, staff, and neighbours. It is a gathering of diverse voices that communicate the complexity of the residential school experience.

The Assiniboia Residential School Legacy Group is a non-profit organization with a mandate to: honour the legacy of the Assiniboia Residential School through commemorative and educational activities; promote positive and reconciliatory relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people; foster awareness, understanding, and healing; feature culture and language as interpreted and presented by the Survivors of the Residential school.

“*Did You See Us?* is a thoughtful, community based project rooted in the needs of the Assiniboia Residential School community. This book is a must read for those working on the history of Residential Schools and those engaged in community based restorative justice projects.”

—Krista McCracken, Researcher/Curator, Arthur A. Wishart Library and Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre, Algoma University

“*Did You See Us?* was born out of a reunion, and readers are invited to the reverberations of this coming together.”

—Jane Griffith, Assistant Professor, School of Professional Communication, Ryerson University
Popularly thought of as a recreational vehicle and one of the key ingredients of an ideal wilderness getaway, the canoe is also a political vessel. A potent symbol and practice of Indigenous cultures and traditions, the canoe has also been adopted to assert conservation ideals, feminist empowerment, citizenship practices, and multicultural goals. Documenting many of these various uses, this book asserts that the canoe is not merely a matter of leisure and pleasure; it is folded into many facets of our political life.

Taking a critical stance on the canoe, *The Politics of the Canoe* expands and enlarges the stories that we tell about the canoe’s relationship to, for example, colonialism, nationalism, environmentalism, and resource politics. To think about the canoe as a political vessel is to recognize how intertwined canoes are in the public life, governance, authority, social conditions, and ideologies of particular cultures, nations, and states.

Almost everywhere we turn, and any way we look at it, the canoe both affects and is affected by complex political and cultural histories. Across Canada and the U.S., canoeing cultures have been born of activism and resistance as much as of adherence to the mythologies of wilderness and nation building. The essays in this volume show that canoes can enhance how we engage with and interpret not only our physical environments, but also our histories and present-day societies.

Sarah Wylie Krotz is an assistant professor of English literature at the University of Alberta. Her research explores the complex web of relations among literature, land, and ecological thought. She is the author of *Mapping with Words: Anglo-Canadian Literary Cartographies, 1789–1916*.

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Entanglements with Fame
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Exploring celebrity through an Indigenous lens

Indigenous Celebrity speaks to the possibilities, challenges, and consequences of popular forms of recognition, critically recasting the lens through which we understand Indigenous people’s entanglements with celebrity. It presents a wide range of essays that explore the theoretical, material, social, cultural, and political impacts of celebrity on and for Indigenous people. It questions and critiques the whitestream concept of celebrity and the very juxtaposition of “Indigenous” and “celebrity” as it casts a critical lens on celebrity culture’s impact on Indigenous people.

Indigenous people who willingly engage with celebrity culture, or are drawn up into it, enter into a complex terrain of social relations informed by layered dimensions of colonialism, racism, sexism, homophobia/transphobia, and classism. Yet this reductive framing of celebrity does not account for the ways that Indigenous people’s own world views inform Indigenous engagement with celebrity culture—or rather, popular social and cultural forms of recognition.

Indigenous Celebrity reorients conversations on Indigenous celebrity towards understanding how Indigenous people draw from nation-specific processes of respect and recognition while at the same time navigating external assumptions and expectations. This collection examines the relationship of Indigenous people to the concept of celebrity in past, present, and ongoing contexts, identifying commonalities, tensions, and possibilities.

Jennifer Adese is Otipemisiwak/Métis and an associate professor in the Department of Sociology at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM). Her research focuses on Indigenous political and cultural representation.

Robert Alexander Innes is a member of Cowessess First Nation and an associate professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. He is the author of Elder Brother and the Law of the People and co-editor, with Kim Anderson, of Indigenous Men and Masculinities.


“Indigenous Celebrity is an indispensable, paradigm-shifting study of celebrity that centres Indigenous meaning-making, epistemologies, kinship, and world views, even as it remains attuned to the historical and continuing effects of settler-colonial and other colonizing celebrity systems and dynamics upon Indigenous celebrity.”
—Lorraine York, Distinguished Professor, Department of English, McMaster University

“Indigenous Celebrity is the first book to look at celebrity through an Indigenous lens. It addresses a significant gap in the literature – for Indigenous/Native/Aboriginal studies, for celebrity and fame studies, and as a comparative resource for social and cultural studies.”
—Julie Pelletier, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Winnipeg
Shared memory shapes community

Being German Canadian explores how multi-generational families and groups have interacted and shaped each other’s integration and adaptation in Canadian society, focusing on the experiences, histories, and memories of German immigrants and their descendants.

As one of Canada’s largest ethnic groups, German Canadians allow for a variety of longitudinal and multi-generational studies that explore how different generations have negotiated and transmitted diverse individual experiences, collective memories, and national narratives. Drawing on recent research in memory and migration studies, this volume studies how twentieth-century violence shaped the integration of immigrants and their descendants. More broadly, the collection seeks to document the state of the field in German-Canadian history.

Being German Canadian brings together senior and junior scholars from History and related disciplines to investigate the relationship between, and significance of, the concepts of generation and memory for the study of immigration and ethnic history. It aims to move immigration historiography towards exploring the often fraught relationship among different immigrant generations—whether generation is defined according to age cohort or era of arrival.

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A Cree woman’s life in her own words

Strong women dominate these reminiscences: the grandmother taught the girl whose mother refused to let her go to school, and the life-changing events they witnessed range from the ravages of the influenza epidemic of 1918–20, to murder committed in a jealous rage, to the abduction of a young woman by underground spirits who grant her healing powers upon her release.

A highly personal document, Cree elder Sarah Whitecalf’s memoirs are altogether exceptional in recounting the thoughts and feelings of a Cree woman as she copes with the impacts of colonialism but also, in a key chapter, with her loneliness while tending a relative's children in a place far from home—and away from the company of other women. Her experiences and reactions throw fresh light on the lives lived by Plains Cree women on the Canadian prairies over much of the twentieth century.

Sarah Whitecalf (1919–1991) spoke Cree exclusively, spending most of her life at Nakwisîhk/Sweetgrass Reserve on the North Saskatchewan River. This is where Leonard Bloomfield was told what would be collected as Sacred Stories of the Sweet Grass Cree in 1925 and where a decade later David Mandelbaum apprenticed himself to Ka-miyokisihkwew/Fineday, the step-grandfather in whose family Sarah Whitecalf grew up.

In presenting a Cree woman’s view of her world, these memoirs directly reflect the spoken word: Sarah Whitecalf’s reminiscences are here printed in Cree exactly as she recorded them, with a close English translation on the facing page. These chapters constitute an autobiography of great personal authority and rare authenticity.

Sarah Whitecalf (1919–1991) spoke Cree exclusively, spending most of her life at Nakwisîhk/Sweetgrass Reserve on the North Saskatchewan River. Her lectures are collected in The Cree Language Is Our Identity.

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**Dammed**

*The Politics of Loss and Survival in Anishinaabe Territory*

**Brittany Luby**

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**Dammed: The Politics of Loss and Survival in Anishinaabe Territory** explores Canada’s hydroelectric boom in the Lake of the Woods area. It complicates narratives of increasing affluence in postwar Canada, revealing that the inverse was true for Indigenous communities along the Winnipeg River. The same hydroelectric development that powered settler communities flooded manomin fields, washed away roads, and compromised fish populations. Anishinaabe families responded creatively to manage the government-sanctioned environmental change and survive the resulting economic loss. Luby reveals these responses to dam development, inviting readers to consider how resistance might be expressed by individuals and families, and across gendered and generational lines.

Luby weaves text, testimony, and experience together, grounding this historical work in the territory of her paternal ancestors, lands she calls home. With evidence drawn from archival material, oral history, and environmental observation, *Dammed* invites readers to confront Canadian colonialism in the twentieth century.

**Brittany Luby** is an award-winning historian at the University of Guelph. Her writing—both academic and creative—is intended to draw attention to social inequities in what is now known as Canada and to empower readers to envision alternate futures.

*“Dammed is thoughtful, deeply researched, and urgent. Utilizing the tools of Indigenous Studies, environmental history, and women’s history and drawing on oral and written archives, Luby gives us a nuanced and supple analysis of Anishinaabe history in an eventful, and often very difficult, hundred years in northwestern Ontario.”*  
—Adèle Perry, FRSC, Distinguished Professor, History and Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Manitoba

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**Sharing the Land, Sharing a Future**

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**Sharing the Land, Sharing a Future** looks to both the past and the future as it examines the foundational work of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP) and the legacy of its 1996 report.

RCAP’s five-year examination of the relationships of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples to Canada and to non-Indigenous Canadians resulted in a new vision for Canada and provided 440 specific recommendations, many of which informed the subsequent work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). Considered too radical and difficult to implement, RCAP’s recommendations were largely ignored.

With reflections on RCAP’s legacy by its co-chairs, leaders of national Indigenous organizations and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, and leading academics and activists, this collection refocuses our attention on the groundbreaking work already performed by RCAP.

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Decolonizing Discipline
Children, Corporal Punishment, Christian Theologies, and Reconciliation
Valerie E. Michaelson and Joan E. Durrant, eds.

In June 2015, Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission released ninety-four Calls to Action that urged reform of policies and programs to repair the harms caused by the Indian Residential Schools. Decolonizing Discipline is a response to Call to Action 6—the call to repeal Section 43 of Canada’s Criminal Code, which justifies the corporal punishment of children.

Editors Valerie Michaelson and Joan Durrant have brought together diverse voices to respond to this call and to consider the ways that colonial Western interpretations of Christian theologies have been used over centuries to normalize violence and rationalize the physical discipline of children. Theologians, clergy, social scientists, and First Nations, Inuit, and Métis leaders and community members explore the risks that corporal punishment poses to children and examine practical, non-violent approaches to discipline.

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“Practical and prophetic, Decolonizing Discipline is vital reading for Christians in Canada, and beyond. The wise contributors to this well-written anthology invite us not only to “spare the rod,” but to re-imagine relationships amongst care-givers and children, ancient text and lived world, Indigenous and settler societies, in ways that are redemptive, healing… and at times, revolutionary.”

—Steve Heinrichs, Indigenous-Settler Relations director, Mennonite Church Canada

Words of the Inuit
A Semantic Stroll through a Northern Culture
Louis-Jacques Dorais

Words of the Inuit is an important compendium of Inuit culture illustrated through Inuit words. It brings the sum of the author’s decades of experience and engagement with Inuit and Inuktutit to bear on what he fashions as an amiable, leisurely stroll through words and meanings.

Organized thematically, the book tours the histories and meanings of the words to illuminate numerous aspects of Inuit culture, including environment and the land; animals and subsistence activities; humans and spirits; family, kinship, and naming; the human body; and socializing with other people in the contemporary world. It concludes with a reflection on the usefulness for modern Inuit—especially youth and others looking to strengthen their cultural identity—to know about the underlying meanings embedded in their language and culture.

With recent reports alerting us to the declining use of the Inuit language in the North, Words of the Inuit is a timely contribution to understanding one of the world’s most resilient Indigenous languages.

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“Professor Dorais once again provides expert information and insight into the Inuit language and culture as only he can. By examining the rich meanings contained within words of Inuktut, Dorais details social nuances and core aspects of both traditional and modern Inuit culture.”

—Alana Johns, Professor Emerita, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto
Detroit’s Hidden Channels
The Power of French-Indigenous Families in the Eighteenth Century
Karen L. Marrero

French-Indigenous families were a central force in shaping Detroit’s history. Detroit’s Hidden Channels examines the role of these kinship networks in Detroit’s development as a site of singular political and economic importance in the continental interior. Situated where Anishinaabe, Wendat, Myamia, and later French communities were established and where the system of waterways linking the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico narrowed, Detroit’s location was its primary attribute.

While the French state viewed Detroit as a decaying site of illegal activities, the influence of the French-Indigenous networks grew as members diverted imperial resources to bolster an alternative configuration of power relations that crossed Indigenous and Euro-American nations. Women furthered commerce by navigating a multitude of gender norms of their nations, allowing them to defy the state that sought to control them by holding them to European ideals of womanhood.

By the mid-eighteenth century, French-Indigenous families had become so powerful that incoming British traders and imperial officials courted their favour. These families would maintain that power as the British imperial presence splintered on the eve of the American Revolution.

Karen L. Marrero is Assistant Professor of early North American History at Wayne State University. She is a comparative and transnational historian of the United States and Canada whose work examines interactions between seventeenth-, eighteenth-, and early nineteenth-century Indigenous peoples and Euro-Americans in the Great Lakes.

“Long subsumed by nationalistic histories about this region, Marrero’s gender analysis uncovers both the power of interwoven kin networks and the role that Indigenous women played in forging these kin linkages that controlled the course of events.”

—Susan Sleeper-Smith, Professor, Department of History, Michigan State University

Compelled to Act
Histories of Women’s Activism in Western Canada
Sarah Carter and Nanci Langford, eds.

Compelled to Act showcases fresh historical perspectives on the diversity of women’s contributions to social and political change in prairie Canada in the twentieth century. In our current time of revitalized activism against racism, colonialism, violence, and misogyny, this volume reminds us of the myriad ways women have challenged and confronted injustices and inequalities.

In their attempts to correct wrongs, achieve just solutions, and create change, women experienced multiple sites of resistance, both formal and informal. The acts of speaking out, of organizing, of picketing and protesting were characterized as unnatural for women, as violations of gender and societal norms, and as dangerous to the state and to family stability.

Still, as these accounts demonstrate, prairie women felt compelled to respond to women’s needs, to challenges to family security, both health and economic, and to the need for community. They reacted with the resources at hand, and beyond, to support effective action, joining the ranks of women all over the world seeking political and social agency to create a society more responsive to the needs of women and their children.

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If one seeks to understand Haudenosaunee (Six Nations) history, one must consider the history of Haudenosaunee land. For countless generations prior to European contact, land and territory informed Haudenosaunee thought and philosophy, and was a primary determinant of Haudenosaunee identity.

In The Clay We Are Made Of, Susan M. Hill presents a revolutionary retelling of the history of the Grand River Haudenosaunee from their Creation Story through European contact to contemporary land claims negotiations.

Susan M. Hill is a Haudenosaunee citizen (Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation) and resident of Ohswe:ken (Grand River Territory). She is an associate professor in the Department of History and Director of the Centre for Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto.

“Susan Hill’s prize-winning book offers a comprehensive history of land and governance that is rare in its framing, its focus, and its execution, rendering it one of the most important studies to emerge on Haudenosaunee history to date.”

— Audra Simpson, Professor of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Columbia University

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