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## EDITORIAL NOTE

**FERNWOOD PUBLISHING'S** Spring 2025 books are a collection of fearless and unequivocal thinking that sharpens our resolve to confront a world wracked by violence, suffering, and strife.

These titles cover a rich and varied ground, providing desperately needed critical analyses on an array of pressing themes and problems: from disturbing authoritarian turns in left politics, to the corporate takeovers of provincial political parties, to entrenched structures of healthcare inequality, to the profit-seeking exploitation of psychedelics. These books are equally a tonic of thinking through possibilities of liberation and connection, offering enthralling literary fiction and poetic refusal to colonial violence from Turtle Island to Palestine and Lebanon.

This season's books showcase the power of text to change our material conditions, demonstrating how the spirit of critical thinking can lead to new modalities of solidarity and action towards an alternative, just global future.

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Fernwood works on unceded Indigenous lands; specifically, we create from Kjiptuk in Mi'kma'ki, colonially known as Halifax, Nova Scotia, the territory of the Mi'kmaq, as well as in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation, which in 1871 became Treaty 1 territory.

For those of us who are settlers working in publishing, we have a responsibility to understand and challenge the Canadian state's history of racist and colonial writing and publishing practices, including the erasure of Indigenous knowledges, the ongoing systemic undermining of oral history and knowledge, and land theft. We dedicate ourselves to respectful collaboration with Indigenous communities in producing critical books.



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**KEY CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS**

The Canadian State in Changing and Challenging Times • The Landlord State • The Settler Colonial State • The Extractive State • The Energy State • The Service State • The Caring State • The Grassroots State • The Democratic State • The Financial State • The Commercialized State • The Employers' State • The Trade and Investment State

# The Canadian State

edited by Heather Whiteside & Stephen McBride

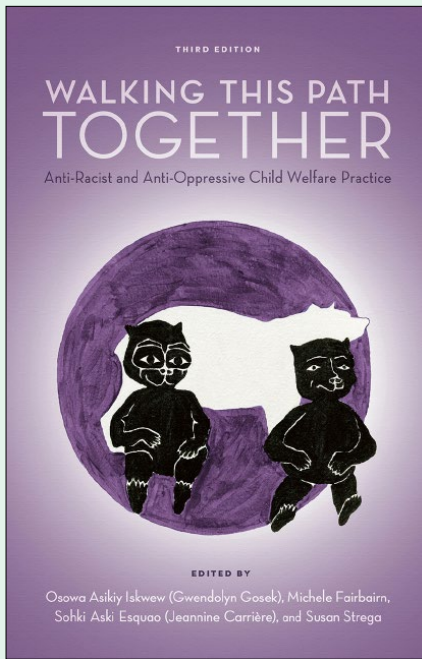
A critical analysis of the Canadian state as an active agent in shaping and navigating political-economic change.

Inspired by trailblazing work in the field, this wide-ranging collection makes an essential and timely intervention through new theoretical contributions that build on decades of critical analysis of the Canadian state as an agent active in capitalist development in a global era. *The Canadian State* explores the state's distinctive role in the development of a political economy shaped by capitalism and settler colonialism. Paying critical attention to how the state exercises accumulation, legitimation and coercion in unique ways, the book provides an essential guide to understanding the multidimensional character of Canada's contemporary state form. Leading contributors in their field provide cutting edge chapters on settler colonialism, land ownership, extractivism, energy, services, care work, democracy, finance, commercialization, employment, and trade and investment.

**HEATHER WHITESIDE** is an associate professor of political science at the University of Waterloo and a fellow at the Balsillie School of International Affairs. She is a political economist and has authored a wide range of publications on issues such as public ownership, property relations, fiscal studies and state capitalism.

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political power; Marxian capitalist state theory; interdisciplinary; politics; critical political economy; state theory; economics; Canadian history; settler colonialism; social reproduction; public administration; crisis



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Indigenous Perspectives on Anti-Oppressive Child Welfare Practice • My Mother's Story through Colonization, Trauma and Strength • Four Level Model of Consciousness with Family Group Conferences • Recentring Métis Kinship Protocols into Child Welfare Practices • A Risk-Benefit Analysis of Indigenous Participation in Family Service Programs • Decolonial, Anti-Racist, and Equitable Assessment, Documentation, and Recordkeeping • Preparing Black Children for a Racist Society • Non-citizen Former Youth in Care and the Neoliberal "Crimmigration" System • Decolonial Trauma-Informed School-Based Practice • A Response-Based Approach to Children Who Have Experienced Violence • Indigenous Youth in Care • Indigenous Social Workers Fighting Inequity within the Child Welfare System

**PREVIOUS EDITIONS**



# Walking This Path Together, 3rd Ed.

## Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive Child Welfare Practice

edited by **Osowa Asikiy Iskewew (Gwendolyn Gosek), Michele Fairbairn, Sohki Aski Esquao (Jeannine Carrière) & Susan Strega**

The newest edition to a successful child welfare text that highlights decolonial and transformative approaches to child welfare practices.

Canadian child welfare policies and practices have been central to maintaining a settler colonial nation by controlling and managing the childhoods and future lives of children. While ostensibly grounded in the “best interests of the child,” current child welfare policies and practices far too often make the lives of young people more precarious because they are stratified along race and class lines rather than caring for their wellbeing. There have been dire consequences for Indigenous communities, but also Black, newcomer, non-citizen and poor people, who are also disproportionately the primary focus of child welfare. Our vision is to reveal these unjust conditions so that workers can contribute to the ongoing transformation of child welfare to facilitate child wellbeing.

The third edition of *Walking This Path Together* continues the transformative vision of the first two editions and charts a new way forward. There are several new chapters and authors who focus on Métis kinship protocols, family group conferencing, decolonizing child welfare, and criminalizing newcomers, refugee children and Indigenous youth in care. Contributors demonstrate how to bring forward transformative practices to moving child welfare into a truly new decolonial era. This transformative vision is the path that we are walking.

**OSAWA ASKIY ISKEWEW (GWENDOLYN GOSEK)**, a member of Lac La Ronge First Nations, is an assistant professor of social work, University of Victoria, located on the unceded territory of the lək̓ʷəŋən-speaking peoples, including the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ Peoples.

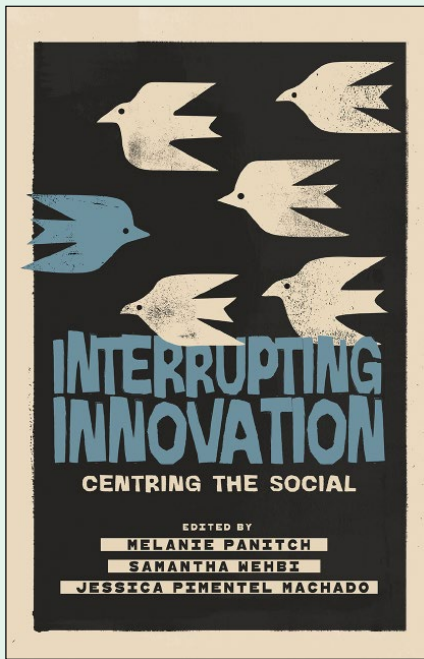
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**SOHKI ASKI ESQUAO (JEANNINE CARRIÈRE)** is Red River Métis. In 2024, she retired after 30 years of teaching, researching and numerous publications about Indigenous child welfare.

**SUSAN STREGA** taught in social work, University of Victoria, until her retirement in 2021. Susan is a former youth in care and former child protection worker

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Framing Social Innovation as a Call for Social Transformation • The Social as Innovation • Socially Engaged-Arts Activisms and Innovations reCentring the Margins • Considering Networked Responses as Social Innovation: Case Examples of Community Care, Incels & Amazon Ring • Power Sharing, Community Leadership and Dynamic Governance at the SHIFT Centre for Social Transformation • Collage as Innovative Pedagogy • The Importance of Justice and Decolonization: Questions in Science Education • Unleashing Social Change through Values-Driven Leadership and Visionary Action

# Interrupting Innovation

## Centring the Social

edited by **Melanie Panitch, Samantha Wehbi & Jessica Machado**

*This is original, inspiring and a major contribution to thinking on social innovation. Interrupting Innovation is a fascinating collection of experience, conceptualization and advocacy for “innovative” research methodologies.*

—**MARGUERITE MENDELL**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Concordia University

*A critical intervention and a must read for students, professors, activists and non-profit organizations trying up the ante in bringing about transformative social change.*

—**AM JOHAL**, director of SFU’s Community Engaged Research Initiative

An incisive guide to how we reframe social innovation towards the goal of societal transformation through compelling examples of community-engaged action.

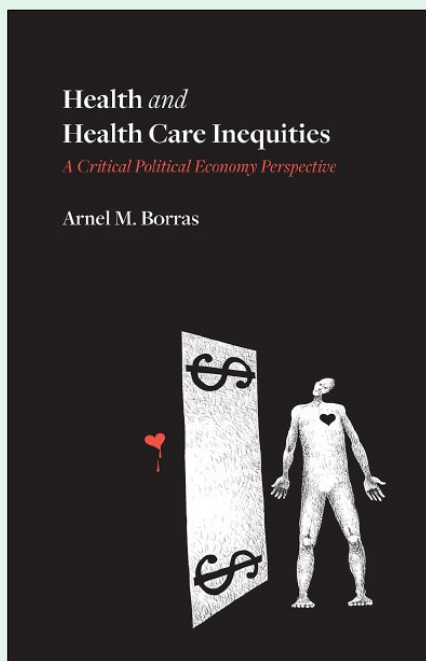
This book is for anyone who is passionate about social transformation and the potential to create a better world. By challenging established approaches to social innovation and connecting it with the pursuit of social justice, *Interrupting Innovation* showcases the countless ways educators, activists, students, artists and change-makers of all kinds are creating the conditions for meaningful social transformations today. Practical, pragmatic and radical, the authors in this wide-ranging collection offer fresh insights into doing social innovation in expansive and unexpected ways. They elaborate on key concepts and present absorbing on-the-ground case examples to show how social innovation can be applied to vexing social questions, giving special attention to dismantling harmful and exclusive systems while eluding co-optation. This hopeful, passionate book brings together leading scholars and practitioners from social work, psychology, sociology, natural sciences, artmaking and community practice to offer an original and bold contribution to this growing and influential field.

**SAMANTHA WEHBI** is a professor of social work at Toronto Metropolitan University. Her work focuses on international issues, including the complexities of urban landscapes, displacement, postcolonialism and social change.

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neoliberalism; social justice pedagogy; art and education; leadership; public space; decolonization; social change; horizontal organization; disability justice; knowledge creation; experiential education; ethics



# Health and Health Care Inequities

## A Critical Political Economy Perspective

by Arnel M. Borras

Uncovers the root causes of health and health care inequities, including unequal wealth and power among policy advocates, the dominance of big business and neoliberal state policies.

What sets this work apart is its explicit argument that capitalism, integrally imbricated with (neo)colonialism, racism and sexism, is the fundamental driver of health and healthcare inequalities. The book provides an in-depth examination of these inequities, delving into the interplay between power dynamics, policy advocacy, evidence-based research and political economy. It uniquely integrates document and interview data to critically analyze how inequalities related to class, race, ethnicity and gender contribute to health inequities. By exploring the roles of various social systems — economic, political, cultural, and institutional — the book exposes the complex mechanisms perpetuating these disparities. It challenges prevailing narratives by advocating for socialist-oriented solutions, offering a distinctive perspective compared to other literature in the field. The book presents complex concepts in an understandable manner, making the issues of health inequities and social justice approachable for non-specialists. It is essential reading for those seeking real answers and new directions in dealing with health inequalities.

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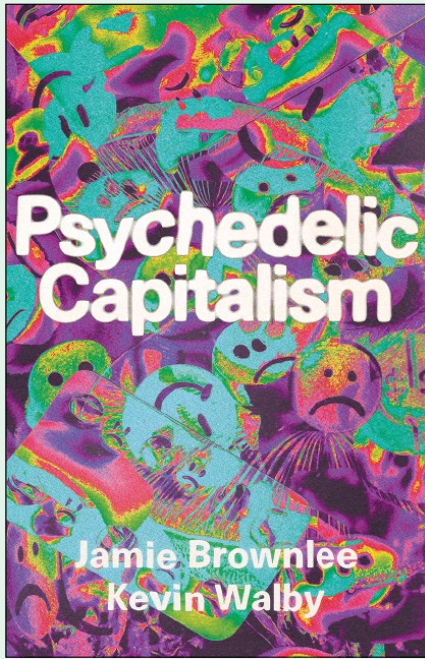
HEALTH & FITNESS / Health Care Issues  
 MEDICAL / Nursing / Social, Ethical & Legal Issues  
 POLITICAL SCIENCE / Health Care

### KEY CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

Social Determinants of Health Inequities • Neoliberalism and Canada's Housing Policies • Neoliberalism and Canada's Health Care System • Political Power and Policy Advocacy • The Role of Evidence and Ideas • A Critical Political Economy Approach • Searching for Socialism • Mobilizing for Health Equity

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The Psychedelic Renaissance • The Endless War on Drugs • Mystical Experiences and the Process of Belief • Power, Politics and Social Change • Psychedelic Medicalization • Psychedelic Capitalism • Legal Change and Psychedelic Futures

# Psychedelic Capitalism

by Jamie Brownlee & Kevin Walby

Psychedelics are poised to be the new Big Pharma, threatening their public health potential.

Psychedelics have long been sanctioned as dangerous substances. Today, however, psychedelics are enjoying a newfound appeal. As part of the so-called psychedelic renaissance, reports abound about the benefits of psychedelics, from remedying individual mental health issues to fostering widespread social change.

*Psychedelic Capitalism* locates this renaissance in the context of corporate capture, medicalization and the war on drugs. Wealthy entrepreneurs are investing billions in the psychedelics industry. Biotechnology firms are racing to capture intellectual property and monopolize psychedelic supply chains. Venture capitalists are leveraging the prospects of a lucrative mass market. Together, they are impacting drug policy reform, appropriating Indigenous knowledge and claiming ownership over substances that have been in the public domain for centuries.

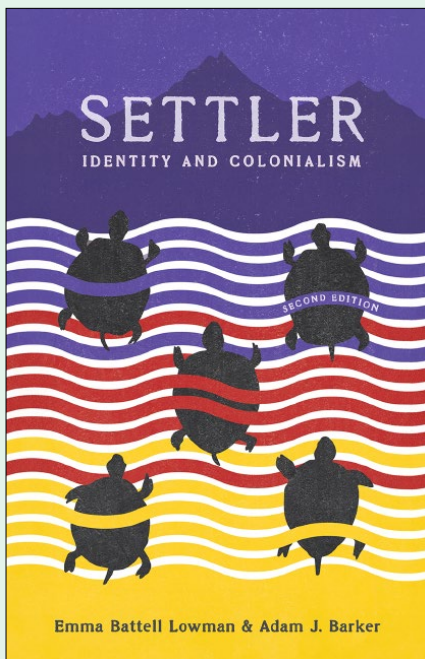
Brownlee and Walby raise concerns about the psychedelic renaissance entrenching systems of inequality, limiting access and affordability, and increasing the reach of drug war surveillance and criminalization. They point to what could be gained from a just and equitable psychedelic future rooted in the public interest.

**JAMIE BROWNLEE** teaches at Carleton University in the areas of Canadian and international political economy, corporate crime, environmental policy, and climate change. He is the author of *Ruling Canada: Corporate Cohesion and Democracy* and *Academia, Inc.: How Corporatization Is Transforming Canadian Universities*.

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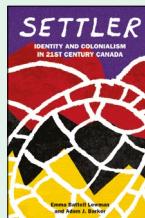
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Preface to the Second Edition • Why Say Settler? • Canada and Settler Colonialism • It's Always All about the Land • "Settling" Our Differences • Fear, Complicity, and Productive Discomfort • Decolonization and Dangerous Freedom

**PREVIOUS EDITION**



# Settler, 2nd Ed.

## Identity and Colonialism

by Emma Battell Lowman & Adam J. Barker

*An excellent exploration of Canadian Settler constructs and ways to decolonize ... aimed at redefining relationships to lands and peoples.*

—**KARL HELE**, professor, Mount Allison University

*While my own thinking and practice as an educator was greatly transformed by the first edition — this one takes it to a new level. The authors expose how settler colonialism permeates the political landscape today and demonstrate in depth that settler colonialism is far from over, morphing as Indigenous Peoples confront it. This updated version will continue to serve as a central resource in my teaching and leadership work.*

—**SHAUNEEN PETE**, chair, Emerging Indigenous Scholars and professor, Royal Roads University

### Canada is a settler colonial state. What does it mean to be Settler, and why does it matter?

The national conversation about settler colonialism has advanced significantly since the first edition of this defining book, thanks to Indigenous struggles that have resulted in high-profile official apologies and inquiries into the devastating inequity between Indigenous and Settler lives in Canada. However, this progress is not enough — many of the same problems persist due to the underlying inequalities at the core of Canadian identity, politics and society.

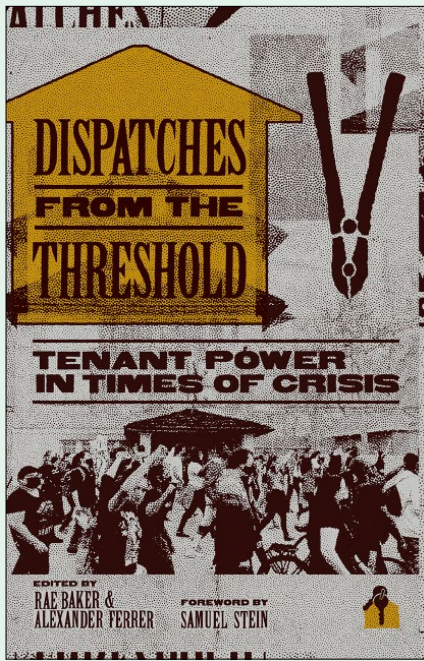
In this revised second edition, Battell Lowman and Barker reflect on the term's changing, more nuanced and continued importance. Touching on the rise of right-wing nationalism, the power and limitations of social media and ten years of federal Liberal government, this new edition of *Settler* considers the successes and failures of Settler Canadians in supporting decolonization and charting our next steps towards transformative change.

**EMMA BATTELL LOWMAN** is a Settler Canadian originally from the overlapping territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe Peoples, near Niagara Falls, Ontario. Her work focuses on Indigenous-Settler histories in British Columbia, settler colonialism, Indigenous resurgence and decolonization in North America, and the history of crime and punishment in Britain.

**ADAM BARKER** is a Settler Canadian, born and raised in the territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe Peoples in what is presently Hamilton, Ontario. He is a researcher, educator and activist on settler colonialism, racism and decolonization.

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Tenant-Centred Public Health in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside • The Stella Wright Rent Strike and Community Control of Public Housing • Rehabilitative Capitalism in Winnipeg's Rental Market • Squatters Unite! Leveraging Land and Housing Occupations in Philadelphia • A Reassessment of Housing and Home as Key Sites of Struggle • How Hotlines and Digital Information Networks Support the Movement for Tenant Power • Contradictions in Infra-Commoning Networks in Serbia • Detroit Renter City • Against Landlord Technology in San Francisco • Eviction Court Watch: Monitoring the Evictors • Considering the Lawyer's Role in the Housing Justice Movement • Housing Justice in the Bluegrass State • Envisioning Collective Bargaining Rights for Renters • The Emergence of a Political Renter Class in So-Called Australia • Mapping Conviction-Based Housing Restrictions in Chicago • Organizing During Forced Eviction in Khorī Gaon • The Public Park as a Commons • Encampment Evictions in Washington DC • Unhoused Tenants and the Struggle for Housing Liberation • Housing Should Not Be a Luxury

# Dispatches from the Threshold

## Tenant Power in Times of Crisis

by **Rae Barker & Alexander Ferrer**  
foreword by **Samuel Stein**

*Dispatches reminds us that housing crises are one of many routinized catastrophes of capital, and yet reading this book is not to drown in crisis but to rise with the power of tenants. Read it, and get organized.*

—**ASTRA TAYLOR**, author of *The Age of Insecurity*

*Dispatches is a document for this dystopian century, a powerful account of collective resistance, imagination and thinking that can illuminate possible futures.*

—**RAQUEL ROLNIK**, former UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing

*This work is not just a record of a unique and useful moment of crisis, but it is crammed with wisdom and experience. It is full of hope, insight and vital lessons in how to have each other's backs.*

—**NICK BANO**, author of *Against Landlords: How to Solve the Housing Crisis*

**Tenants narrate their struggles for housing justice at a point when the catastrophes of COVID-19, precarity and racist police violence converged.**

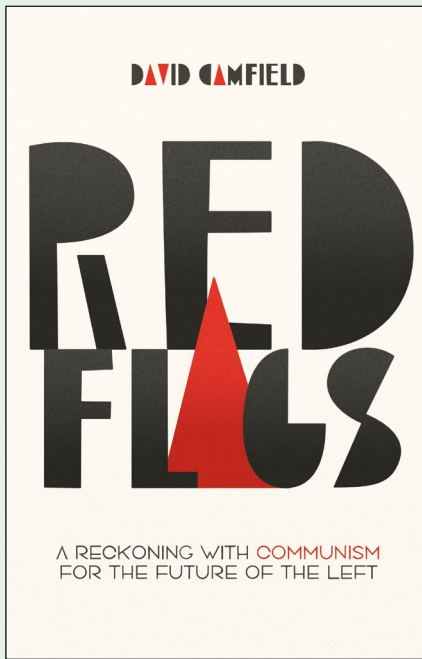
Housing insecurity turned catastrophic during the COVID-19 pandemic, exposing the cruelty of threadbare tenant protections and hostility toward unhoused people. Since 2020, tenants have fought back against evictions and encampment policing, pushed their governments to extend and fortify eviction moratoria, strengthened tenants' rights and protections for unhoused people and thought beyond strategies that appease landlords.

In *Dispatches*, activists, scholars and legal practitioners directly involved in tenant organizing contextualize and catalogue the traction and tensions of the movement across seventeen cities in five countries. They connect housing justice with debates about social reproduction, precarity, organized labour, abolitionist praxis and political strategy. These dispatches are as much a chronicle of organizing in a moment of crisis as an invitation to build solidarities across movements for enduring justice.

**RAE BAKER** is a critical geographer, policy practitioner and researcher focused on community-led inquiry and action. Their research and activism address housing inequality, land rights and racial injustice and surveillance technology. They are an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati in the Research for Social Change and Education and Community Action Research graduate programs. They contribute community-drive research to Urban Praxis Workshop.

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**carceral housing; real estate financialization; encampments; property relations; housing occupations; rent strikes; police violence; rural tenants; tenant unions; harm reduction; disinvestment; housing banishment**



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Thinking about "Actually Existing Socialism" in a World on Fire • The Russian Revolution: From 1917 to the "Great Break" • The USSR 1928-91 • China 1949-Present • Cuba 1959-Present • So What Kind of Societies Were They? • Why Does It Matter Today? • An Alternative Tradition • What Can We Hope For?

# Red Flags

## A Reckoning with Communism for the Future of the Left

by David Camfield

*A gift for the young left.*

—CHINA MIÉVILLE

*David Camfield invites us to settle for nothing less than a liberated future beyond capitalism, oppression and ecological disaster.*

—DAVID MCNALLY, author of *Blood and Money: War, Slavery, Finance and Empire*

*Thank goodness someone had the clarity of mind to write this book. We are especially lucky that it was David Camfield, who combines his knowledge of world history with a fiery, unwavering commitment to working-class democracy.*

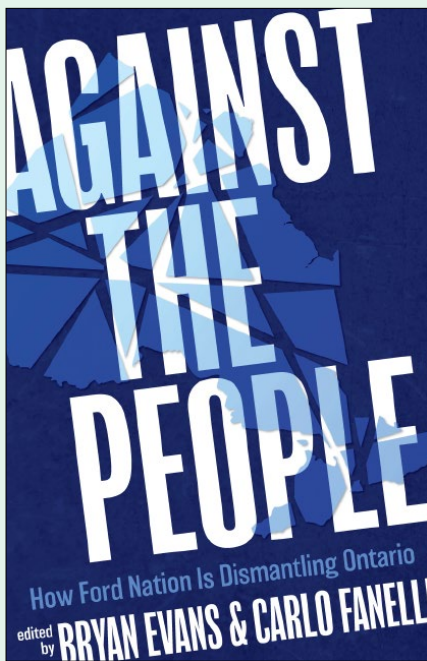
—SAIMA DESAI, former editor of *Briarpatch Magazine*

### An anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian introduction to the history of the USSR, China, and Cuba that asks, were these states ever actually on the road to communism?

Increasingly, people are responding to the contemporary crises underwritten by capitalism by turning to the politics of communism. Some have taken a sympathetic, even nostalgic, view of the USSR, China, and Cuba, seeing them as a powerful alternative to capitalism. But were these societies really in transition towards a classless, stateless society of freedom — the original communist goal? *Red Flags* traces the path from the 1917 Russian Revolution to the construction of the world's first "actually existing socialist" society, the USSR, and the post-revolution societies created along the same lines in China and Cuba. *Red Flags* argues that they were not in fact moving towards communism because the workers were never liberated. It is a vibrant history of communism that develops a rigorous analysis of the uneasy truths that the left needs to confront if it is to build a genuinely liberatory alternative to capitalism.

**DAVID CAMFIELD** is a professor at the University of Manitoba and author of *Future on Fire: Capitalism and the Politics of Climate Change*, *We Can Do Better: Ideas for Changing Society*, *Canadian Labour in Crisis: Reinventing the Workers' Movement* and many articles on Marxism and left politics. He is on the editorial boards of *Labour/Le Travail* and *Midnight Sun*, and the advisory board of *Alternate Routes*. He has served on the executive board of the Winnipeg Labour Council and is active in the University of Manitoba Faculty Association. David hosts the podcast *Victor's Children*.

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# Against the People

## How Ford Nation Is Dismantling Ontario

by Carlo Fanelli & Bryan Evans

*Against the People tells an infuriating tale of foolish privatizations and chronic underfunding of health care, education and so many other things that made Ontario a good place to live — all for the benefit of a wealthy elite.*

—LINDA MCQUAIG, journalist and the author of *The Sport and Prey of Capitalists*

*Is Ford's bumbling political incoherence his secret weapon? This angry, persuasive book highlights how he's built a uniquely effective — and Canadian — version of rightwing populism.*

—RICK SALUTIN, author and journalist

*A powerful and insightful polemic on Doug Ford's six years in government. It is a must-read road map for the left in Canada in understanding working class conservatism and its appeal in the blue-collar communities of Oshawa, Hamilton, Timmins and Sudbury.*

—SID RYAN, former president, CUPE Ontario

**A no-holds-barred exposure of Ford Nation giving billions to corporations and insecurity to everyone else.**

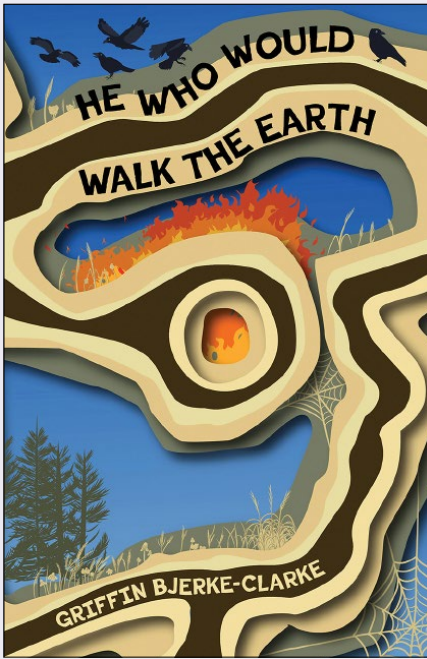
The election of the Doug Ford–led Progressive Conservatives has unleashed an aggressive and undisguised market fundamentalism, taking the assault against the social welfare state, labour and environmental protections to new and unprecedented heights. Maintaining a permanent era of austerity has not only steadily reduced the public sector as a proportion of the provincial economy but also the social protections available to Ontarians. From undermining the fiscal capacity to fund program expenditures adequately to reducing public sector employment and service level provisioning, Ford Nation has reordered an array of ministries and agencies to boost business and development in general and the resource extraction and investment sectors in particular. Few ministries and programs have been left unscathed. Most people have not benefited. *Against the People* is the first book of its kind to provide an in-depth look into the devastating policies of the Ford government, written by on-the-ground experts who showcase how populist right-wing politics dismantle a province.

**CARLO FANELLI** is an associate professor of work and labour studies, York University. He is the author of *Megacity Malaise: Neoliberalism, Labour and Public Services in Toronto*, co-author of *From Consent to Coercion: The Continuing Assault Against Labour* and editor of *Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research*.

**BRYAN EVANS** is a professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Toronto Metropolitan University, and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Ontario office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. His research focuses on political economy and public policy.

 **right-wing populism; privatization; austerity; corporate political power; corruption**





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FICTION / Visionary & Metaphysical

# He Who Would Walk the Earth

by Griffin Bjerke-Clarke

**Felix walks alone through a decaying world until he is challenged to remember his past and build his future — an anti-colonial western exploring trauma, memory and healing.**

Felix Babimoosay is his most recent name, and it seems better than any other name he's been offered. He journeys ever forward across a sharp landscape of flat plains, stung by insects, wind and thirst. Unable to remember his past, he doggedly walks alone through the decaying world until he is pursued by a threatening man claiming a bounty on Felix's head. Felix's irritation spurs a slow memory of the days he left behind, until he stumbles into a corrupted town and a city of talking crows that push him to move beyond his lost memories.

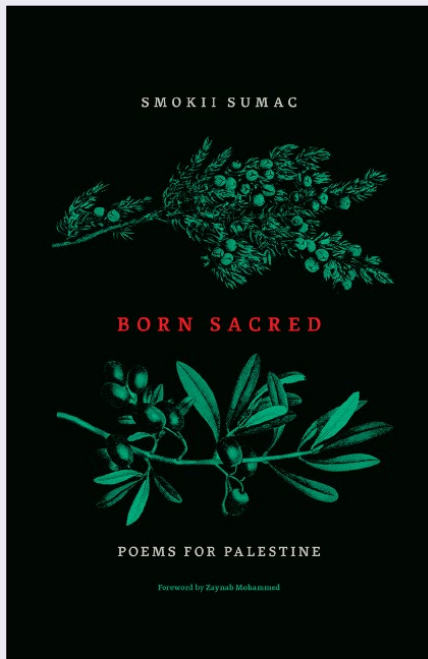
Sparse and dreamy, Griffin Bjerke-Clarke's debut novel explores memory, identity, trauma and healing through a timeless journey. An anti-colonial western, *He Who Would Walk the Earth* is infused with Métis storytelling methods and elements of horror that powerfully evoke a mood reminiscent of twentieth-century classics like *Waiting for Godot*. This book unsettles as much as it stokes, dystopian in Felix's apathy yet optimistic in the way he addresses challenges along his listless way. In the end, Felix must learn from his earnest mistakes as he begins to understand that agency requires collaborating with those around him.

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**GRIFFIN BJERKE-CLARKE** is a Métis author originally from Oskana (Regina), Saskatchewan, and living in Kjiptuk (Halifax), Nova Scotia. From the time he was a small child, Griffin enjoyed making up stories and has always used them to navigate the world; before he could read or write, he would tell his narratives to anyone who would listen. Having grown up distant from his ancestry, Griffin aims to return to his roots, become fluent in Cree and Michif, and return to his community as an educator. Griffin is studying English at the University of King's College.

 **University of King's College; Red River Métis; Regina; Saskatchewan; prairies; weird western; anti-imperialism; anti-war; amnesia; allegory**





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# Born Sacred

## Poems for Palestine

by **Smokii Sumac**

*Born Sacred is a profound work of grace and solidarity, rooted in a hard-earned understanding of colonialism's insatiable appetite. In these 100 searing, open-hearted poems, Smokii gives voice to the immeasurable grief of bearing witness to genocide.*

—**OMAR EL AKKAD**, author of *What Strange Paradise*

*The succinct starkness of Smokii Sumac's offerings are an X-Ray to the grief and absurdity of our times. This dangerous dichotomy of trying to live one's everyday life while holding the tragedy of everyday loss is profoundly captured in each stanza.*

—**CATHERINE HERNANDEZ**, author and screenwriter of *Scarborough*

*Smokii Sumac shows us the responsibility and power of the poet and the necessity for words as a testimony to history. Born Sacred is essential in the fight for collective liberation and a reminder that hope can be rooted in allyship.*

—**RAYYA LIEBICH**, author of *Min Hayati*


### A journalistic poetry collection reflecting on Palestinian and Indigenous solidarities, genocides, life, abuse and liberation from October 2023 to August 2024.

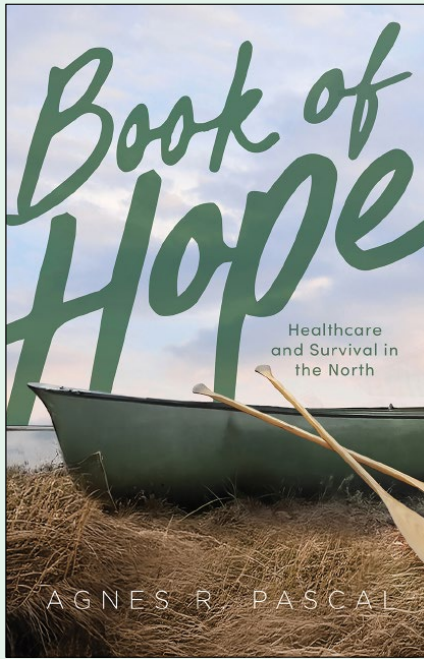
In October 2023, upon witnessing the escalation of Palestinian genocide, Ktunaxa poet Smokii Sumac began writing poems reflecting on the stories of Palestinians in Gaza who were risking their lives to share the genocide of Palestinian culture, literature, and life. These 100 poems offer a witnessing of the escalation of colonial violence, both current and historic, across oceans, lands, cultures and their people, and the reckoning one has in the face of a genocide.

Vulnerable, eloquent, compassionate and enduring, *Born Sacred: Poems for Palestine* is an in-time reflection honouring the shared histories of Indigenous Peoples of North America and of the people in Palestine. Sumac offers this collection as a small piece of life dedicated to Palestinians and resounds the collective call for solidarity in our shared liberation.

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**SMOKII SUMAC (THEY/HE)** is a Ktunaxa Two-Spirit poet and emerging playwright. Their first book, *you are enough: love poems for the end of the world*, won an Indigenous Voices Award. Indigenous sovereignty and centring our own knowledges is deeply important to Smokii's creative work. He believes in the power of storytelling and has featured Indigenous writers and musicians on *The Pasqanaki Podcast*. Their first play, *Seven and One Heart*, was workshopped in Montreal and developed in Toronto during the 2024 Weesageechak Begins to Dance festival. Smokii's spoken word album will be released in spring 2025.

 journal poetry; genocide; liberation; solidarity; Palestinian; Indigenous; news; anti-war; Israel; oppression; instapoetry; Instagram



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# Book of Hope

## Healthcare and Survival in the North

by Agnes R. Pascal

*Discrimination, poor communication and lack of trust in the healthcare system are commonly experienced during the cancer journey for NWT residents, particularly Indigenous patients from remote communities. For them to feel that they are better supported, more empowered and able to better understand and participate in their health journey will be a significant step forward in addressing a legacy of colonization.*

—ANNE PLEYDON, executive director, Hotù Ts'eeda

*Being diagnosed with cancer can be a frightening experience but it can also be a journey of hope. This book does a wonderful job of encouraging those dealing with cancer and their families not to give up.*

—SABET BISCAYE, director, Gender Equity Division, Government of the Northwest Territories

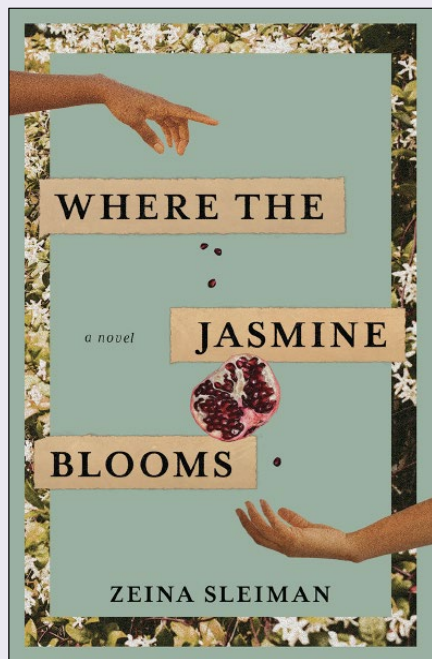
### Firsthand narratives from cancer survivors and caregivers offer compassionate advice and insightful analysis about healthcare and hope.

A cancer diagnosis can be life-changing for anyone, bringing new physical and emotional realities, changed relationships and often frustrating administrative burdens when dealing with health systems. But living north of sixty means dealing with a higher level of healthcare inequity. Agnes Pascal compiles firsthand narratives from Northern and Indigenous cancer survivors and caregivers from across the beautiful landscape of the Northwest Territories that illuminate the unique challenges of healthcare accessibility in the North. They discuss fear, grief and death; the logistics of medical travel for treatment; Indigenous and Western medicine; structural determinants of health, including industrial pollution and environmental racism; and the impacts of residential schools and “Indian hospitals” on northern communities. This book is for people with cancer and their caregivers; health policy makers and advocates; scholars and practitioners of healthcare, Indigenous governance or environmental racism; and anyone interested in grassroots, community-based peer support.

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**AGNES PASCAL**, Tetlit Gwich'in, is originally from Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories. She was custom adopted by her Jijii (grandfather) Ronnie and Jijuu (grandmother) Laura Pascal at birth. Her Jijii died of cancer a year and half later. She lives in Inuvik, where she founded the Inuvik Cancer Support group in 2018 after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Agnes sees her upbringing, community and family as her strengths. She's a mom to three young adults.

radiation; chemotherapy; Inuvik; support group; Yellowknife; Edmonton; spirituality; Dene; Inuvialuit; Nunavut; territorial government; Mackenzie River; Northwest Territories; NTHSSA; Hay River; HRHSSA; Tłı̨chǫ



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# Where the Jasmine Blooms

by Zeina Sleiman

*A powerful story of family, generational trauma and Palestinian identity, Zeina Sleiman's debut novel is an engaging and bittersweet story about secrets, both acknowledged and hidden. A compelling read.*

—UZMA JALALUDDIN, author of *Ayesha at Last*

**Two Palestinian cousins with very different lives reunite in Lebanon and discover their family's political secrets amid the 2006 Israel-Lebanon war.**

Yasmine enters Lebanon escaping a messy divorce and seeking the family, culture and connection that her Palestinian mother hid during their life in Toronto. It's 2006, and she's meeting her cousin Reem after connecting over social media for the first time. Reem teaches Arabic and lives in a refugee camp with her mother and sister. Her brother Ahmed lived there too, until he went to Syria for work and then disappeared. When Yasmine receives a package of mysterious letters suggesting her father might still be alive, the cousins embark on a discovery of political secrets no one in the family wants them to know.

Complicating her questions about identity, belonging and healing even further, Yasmine runs into Ziyad — an old flame who's incidentally taking Reem's class. Though Yasmine and Reem's lives could not be more different, they must learn from each other as they navigate abusive relationships, grief, displacement and war.

Set amid the arid glamour of Lebanon's beaches and urban landscapes, *Where the Jasmine Blooms* is at once a political historical thriller and a Muslim feminist love story. Turn-of-the-century Arab politics feature prominently, echoing loudly even twenty years later.

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**ZEINA SLEIMAN** is a Palestinian Canadian writer and educator based in amisk-waciwaskahikan (also known as Edmonton). She has more than ten years' experience working in post-secondary education, in research supporting the development of barrier free communities. She is a Tin House workshop alum and former mentee in Canada's Writers Union BIPOC Connect Program. She is the recipient of a 2024 Silk Road Creative Arts Grant. *Where the Jasmine Blooms* is her debut fiction.

 Halal romance; journalism; political thriller; domestic abuse; Trablous; Toronto; fleeing violence; diaspora; Arab feminism; Muslim; faith





## Hidden Politics in the UN Sustainable Development Goals

by Adam Sneyd  
foreword by James Schneider

*This book is a tremendous learning tool. Each of the seventeen SDGs is subjected to a sharp critical analysis that will spark debate and provide readers with the resources needed to begin their own research and reach their own conclusions. Highly recommended.*

—CRAIG N. MURPHY, professor emeritus, Wellesley College

*This is a must-read ... by deploying a critical political economy lens, Sneyd does a brilliant job in dispelling the myths around these powerful benchmarks in global development.*

—SUSANNE SOEDERBERG, professor and Canada Research Chair, Queen's University

This book analyzes the politics of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conventional wisdom is that efforts to achieve the SDGs, or Global Goals, will contribute to building a more inclusive, sustainable and peaceful world. Adam Sneyd's analysis counters this orthodox and unduly utopian point of view, uncovering the hidden politics of the SDG project and showing why the SDGs are not an ambitious package of progressive reforms. Sneyd's analysis of each of the seventeen goals reveals how the SDGs are infused with minimalist intentions and a political orientation that sharply contrasts with the world-changing aspirations typically associated with the goals. He argues that the SDGs do more to bolster the legitimacy of the liberal international economic order and advance capitalist interests than to address pressing global challenges.

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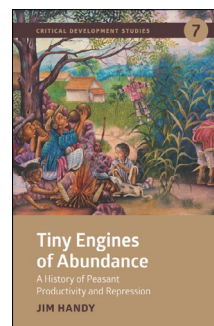
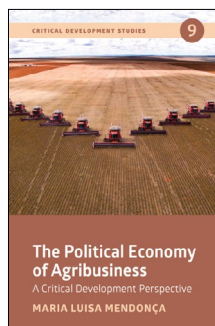
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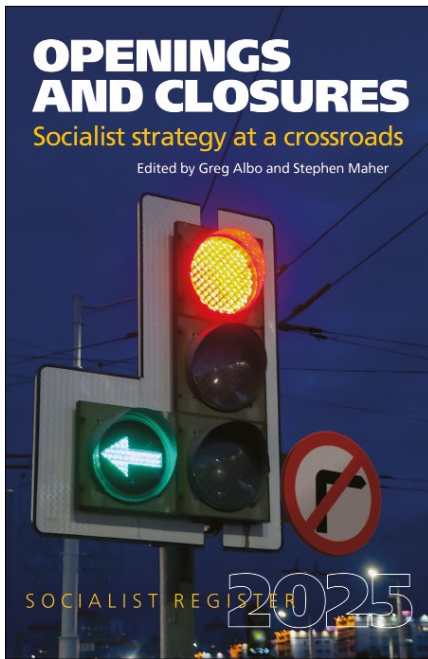
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## Socialist Register 2025 Openings and Closures: Socialist Strategy at a Crossroads

edited by Greg Albo & Stephen Maher

Socialists are at a crossroads, pressed by the urgent need to find new directions amid mounting crises. What can the left carry forward from recent strategies, tactics, and organizations that seemed so promising not so long ago? Is the "new socialist" left starting over or moving on?

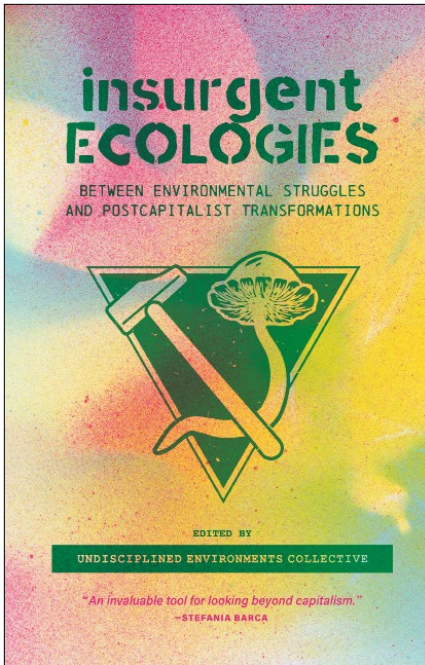
The defeat of Bernie Sanders, and then Jeremy Corbyn, has undeniably had a deflating effect on the "democratic socialist" left that exploded onto the scene in 2016. What's more, these defeats followed on the crumbling of the "new parties" in Europe that had been so important for inspiring this upsurge: in Greece, Syriza buckled in the face of the iron straitjacket imposed by EU institutions; in Spain, Podemos fractured under the weight of its ideological and institutional weaknesses; and Bloco fared no better in Portugal.

Meanwhile, the Chavez-inspired Bolivarian revolutions in Latin America hit an impasse and are barely stumbling along. In this context, the left often saw little alternative but to support the coercive response to a rising tide of hard-right forces by authoritarian neoliberal states as (very) junior components of anti-fascist "popular fronts." This was reinforced as the hard right intensified its attacks on women's reproductive rights, LGBTQ people and immigrants, spurring a search for new terrains of feminist and anti-racist struggle. Others turned to the workplace, and union organizing, as a new direction to build the working-class base for radical politics whose absence seemed so directly responsible for another round of defeats.

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**STEPHEN MAHER** is a post-doctoral fellow at Ontario Tech University and associate editor of the *Socialist Register*. He is also the author of *Corporate Capitalism and the Integral State: General Electric and a Century of American Power*.

🌿 globalization; Europe; anthropocene; geopolitics; Latin America; revolution; neoliberalism; COVID; unionizing; democratic socialism; authoritarian state; anti-fascism; global politics



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## Insurgent Ecologies

Between Environmental Struggles and Postcapitalist Transformations

edited by Undisciplined Environments Collective

*A powerful collection that will surely remain an important reference for intellectual and political work against and beyond capitalism.*

—DIANA OJEDA, professor and director of the Commons Program, Indiana University

*It's not only climate that's warming up, so is ecopolitics! The interplay of movements for liberating land, livelihood, labour, and sexuality creates a new kind of materialist lens for our 21st century politics. This book is a joy to encounter — pluriversal in both content and process.*

—ARIEL SALLEH, author of *EcoSufficiency and Global Justice* and *Ecofeminism as Politics*

*Insurgent Ecologies* takes readers on an inspiring journey across key sites of ecological crisis and contestation, showing how revolutionary politics can emerge from the convergences between place-based, often disconnected struggles. These engaging essays speak to long-standing debates in political ecology around how to advance transformations in, against and beyond capitalism. The book presents unique stories of the visions and strategies of struggles organized around sovereignty, land, climate, feminisms and labour, written by scholar-activists rooted in territories around the globe, offering locally grounded yet global perspectives.

political ecology; climate crisis; climate change; hegemony; sovereignty; grassroots movements; Gramsci; land; degrowth; Indigenous; colonialism



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## Rethinking Free Speech

by Peter Ives

*This timely, important and accessible book offers both a scholarly overview of and a close critical engagement with freedom of expression, in a way that helps readers move past naïve, monolithic and dogmatic accounts. Pick this highly readable book up, and you won't put it down until you're done!*

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*This is the book we need right now. It provides insight into the growing polarization around academic freedom and free speech debates online, on campuses and beyond. Read this book now.*

—EVE HAQUE, professor, York University

Clashes over free speech rights and wrongs haunt public debates about the state of democracy. While freedom of speech is recognized as foundational to democratic society, its meaning is persistently distorted. Prominent commentators have built massive platforms around claims that their right to free speech is being undermined. Critics of free speech correctly see these claims as a veil for misogyny, white supremacy, colonialism and transphobia, concluding it is a political weapon to conserve entrenched power arrangements. Drawing on political philosophy and everyday examples, Ives takes the reader on a journey through the hotspots of today's raging speech wars. In its bold and careful insights on the combative politics of language, this book provides a map for critically grasping these battles as they erupt in university classrooms, debates around the meaning of antisemitism, the "cancelling" of racist comedians and the proliferation of hate speech on social media.

free speech absolutism; free speech warriors; woke-ism; identity politics; political correctness; Oliver Wendell Holmes; Voltaire





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## Thyme Travellers

### An Anthology of Palestinian Speculative Fiction

edited by **Sonia Sulaiman**

*This is a collection of astonishingly brave, imaginative and unapologetic stories that neither compromise on the integrity of their origin nor pander to a myopic audience. May these tales shatter the walls of every prison the world imposes upon them.*

— **USMAN T. MALIK**, World Fantasy Award–winning author of *Midnight Doorways*

*Within this beautiful, heartbreaking, inspiring book you'll find some of the best speculative fiction I've read in years. Every story is alive, a living breathing thing ... Simply magnificent.*

— **DANIEL JOSÉ OLDER**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ballad & Dagger*

*Thyme Travellers* collects fourteen of the Palestinian diaspora's best voices in speculative fiction. Speculative fiction as a genre invites a reconfiguring of reality, and here each story is a portal into realms of history, folklore and futures. A man stands on the shore waiting to commune with those who live in the ocean. Pilgrims stretch into the distance, passing a stone cairn with a mysterious light streaming from it. Two Australian women fervently dig a tunnel to Jerusalem. Men from Gaza swim in the sea until they drown, still unconcerned. Building on the work of trailblazing anthologies such as *Reworlding Ramallah* and *Palestine +100*, editor Sonia Sulaiman brings together stories by speculative fiction veterans and emerging writers from Australia to Egypt, Lebanon to Canada.

🌿 speculative literature; fantasy; science fiction; time travel; short fiction; other worlds; occupation; occupied territories; reclamation; land back; return; right of return



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## One Box

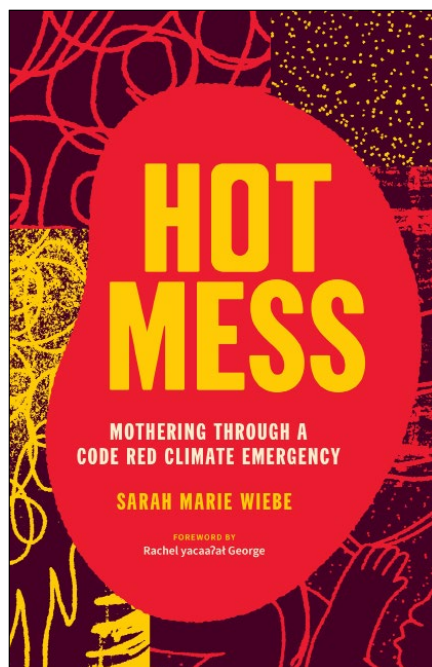
by **Andi Vicente**  
illustrated by **Allan Matudio**

*These pages are overflowing with love, dreams, and resilience. Just like the very box in the story, this book is a treasured gift, packed with tenderness and care.*

— **SENNAH YEE**, author of *My Day with Gong Gong*

*One Box* is a children's counting story about a migrant worker sending a box of gifts and supplies to their loved ones in the Philippines. Also known as Balikbayan boxes, these are typically filled with things like canned goods, clothing and snacks. But in *One Box* there's more than just stuff — it's full of promises. With tenderness and gorgeous illustrations, this Filipino parent tells their child about all the things they will do together when they are reunited. Part of a young queer family separated by migration and indentured labour, they don't count the days. They count the ways they will rebuild their relationships.

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## Hot Mess

### Mothering Through a Code Red Climate Emergency

by Sarah Marie Wiebe

*Rooted in her own experience of the climate crisis as a new mother, Wiebe bravely guides her reader through the mess of our times; this mess is sometimes joyful, sometimes painful, and always hot. Timely and gripping, this book is a powerful rallying cry for radical care.*

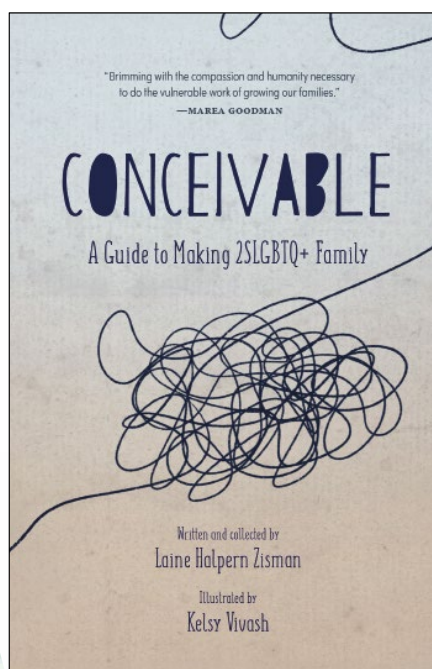
—REBECCA HALL, author of *Refracted Economies*

*Wiebe's critical ecofeminist and maternal analysis delves into the slow sensory politics of crisis, demonstrating how the messiness of our scaling grief is intimately tied to structures of neoliberalism, settler colonialism, patriarchy, racism, capitalism and global extractivism.*

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Sarah Marie Wiebe and her baby endured the 2021 heat dome in BC, the extreme heat landing Wiebe in the hospital and marking the beginning of a year of mothering through heat, fires and floods. Drawing on hospital codes to explore the connections, Wiebe opens up tender conversations about intimate matters of how our bodies respond to emergency interventions: informed consent, emergency C-sections, reproductive mental health, and anti-colonial and anti-racist resistance. A critical ecofeminist scholar, Wiebe invites collective envisioning and enacting of caring, ethical relations between humans and the planet, including our atmospheres, lands, waters, animals, plants and each other.

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## Conceivable

### A Guide to Making 2SLGBTQ+ Family

by Laine Halpern Zisman

illustrated by Kelsy Vivash

*The perfect companion on your family-building journey...a choose-your-own adventure with practical information and historical context, but most importantly, brimming with compassion and humanity that is so necessary as we do the vulnerable work of growing our families.*

—MAREA GOODMAN, LM, CPM, co-author of *Baby Making for Everybody*

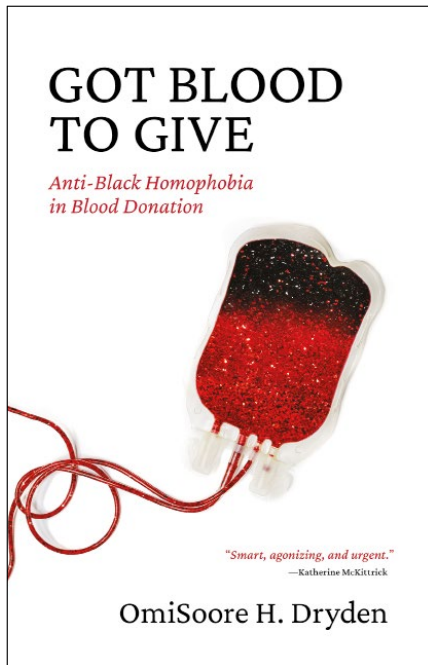
*Conceivable finds a way to speak directly to all the different parts that show up on the wild ride of conception, seamlessly weaving together research, soothing, and queer joy. It's like having a supportive friend with amazing insights walking alongside you, every step of the way.*

—OLIVIA SCOBIE, author of *Impossible Parenting*

This book considers the politics, challenges, choices and opportunities for agency and joy involved in 2SLGBTQ+ fertility, conception and family building in Canada. *Conceivable* is for birthing parents, non-gestational parents, families seeking a surrogate or donor, and those who do not yet know what they need. Containing illustrations, worksheets and activities, this guide will help with the intimate questions of communication, relationship building and community, as well as the knowledge needed to navigate advocacy, rights and regulations.

queer and transgender health; LGBTQ+ fertility; sperm donor; surrogacy; LGBTQ+ reproduction; reproductive justice; queer pregnancy





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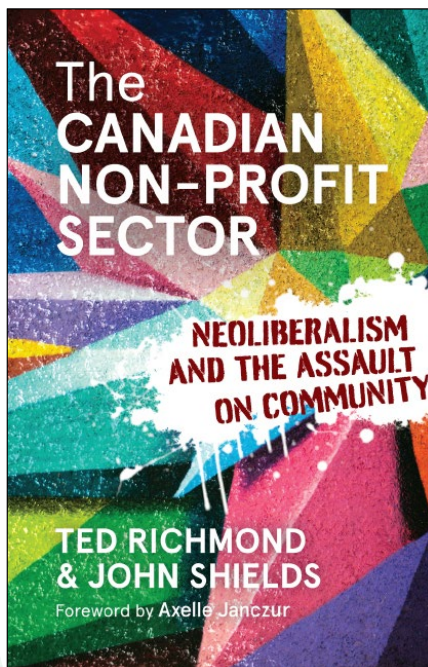
## Got Blood to Give

### Anti-Black Homophobia in Blood Donation

by OmiSoore H. Dryden

Our blood has stories to tell, and we are told stories about blood. Globally, blood is a story that is built — whose blood counts, whose blood spills and whose blood is of use. The history of blood donation practices in Canada speaks to the larger blood story of anti-Black racism, evident since the country's founding. Through storytelling, theorizing and discourse analysis, *Got Blood to Give* examines how anti-Black homophobic nation-building policies became enshrined in blood donation systems. OmiSoore H. Dryden, a Black queer femme academic and the foremost scholar on Canadian blood donation practices, examines contaminated blood crises in the 1980s and 1990s, Canadian Red Cross Society, and Canadian Blood Services. She contextualizes contemporary homonationalisms, medical anti-Black racism, homophobia and transphobia in blood-related practices, connecting blood stories with health disparities affecting Black and Black queer populations. From a BlaQueer diasporic theoretical lens, this book uses narrative as method to show how healthcare systems continue to propagate anti-Blackness.

Canadian Blood Services; discourse analysis; healthcare; anti-Black racism; queerphobia; transphobia; medical racism; nation building; tainted blood; HIV/AIDS; history of medicine



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## The Canadian Non-profit Sector

### Neoliberalism and the Assault on Community

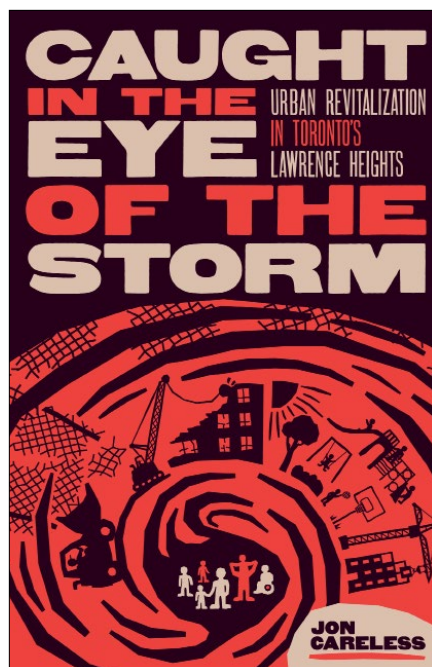
by Ted Richmond & John Shields

*This book makes a landmark contribution to our understanding of the complex and increasingly neoliberalized non-profit sector. Richmond and Shields share their usual sharp and compelling analysis in this meticulously researched and must-read book on a sector that is often overlooked and definitely merits this kind of decisive and definitive analysis.*

—DONNA BAINES, professor of social work, University of British Columbia

Neoliberal restructuring has left individuals and families scrambling for survival and increasingly reliant on the under-funded and over-regulated non-profit sector to patch over the steadily growing fissures in our society. The book examines the creativity and resilience of nonprofits in maintaining and expanding their services. This book also delves into the vital role of nonprofits in advocacy for human rights, anti-racism, Indigenous claims, and improved health and social services. The decades-long turn towards marketized solutions to social needs has created the conditions under which privatized modes of service delivery have become the norm. The extraordinary rise of the non-profit sector is an under-analyzed consequence of neoliberal restructuring in Canada. In this timely corrective, Ted Richmond and John Shields analyze the place of the non-profit sector in neoliberal times in Canada. The authors take a critical political economy approach, providing a vital analysis of the significance of the non-profit sector, and bring clarity to its dimensions and roles in society.

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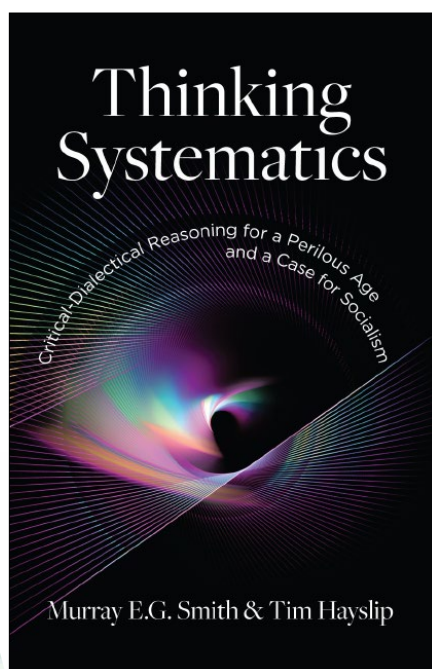
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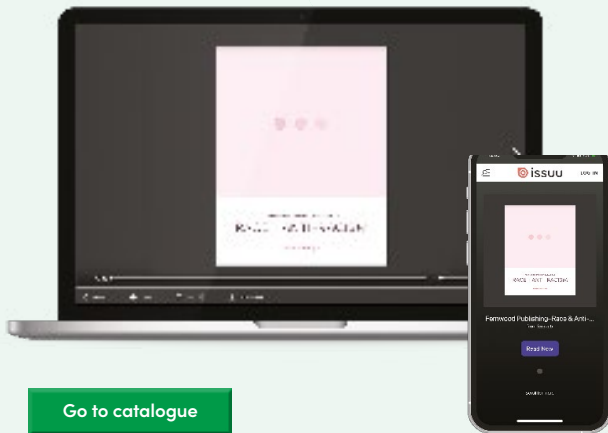
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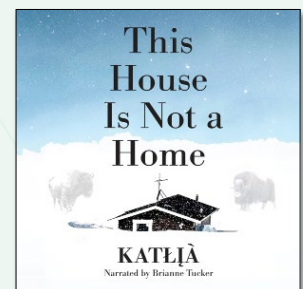
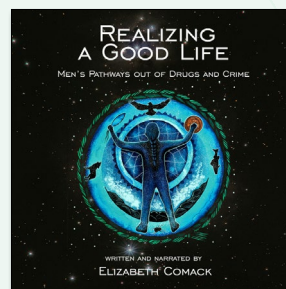
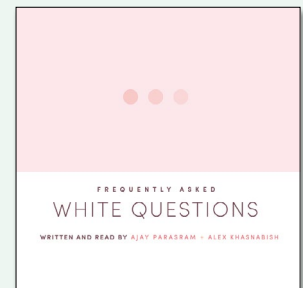
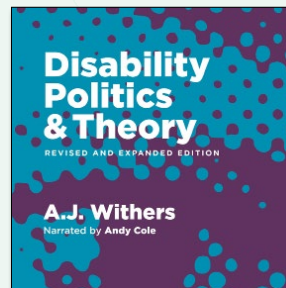
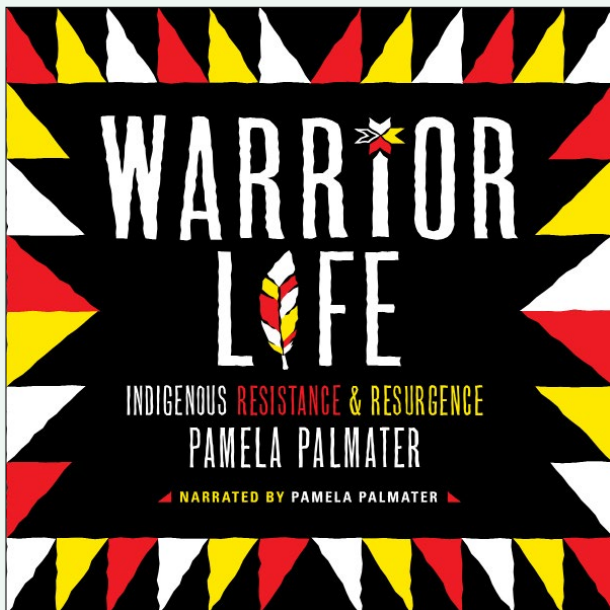
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