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THE BOLDEST TRIUMPH of UBC Press’s first half-century is the unique vitality the Press’s publications have brought and continue to bring to the world of ideas—foregrounding scholarship that eclipses the status quo and stands anew, inviting discussion, demanding debate, challenging an outworn record. Our authors’ works have a constant and intellectually kinetic influence on our understanding of Canada as a land of many nations and a home to many peoples, of diverse geography and human culture, of laws and struggles, of rights and relationships, of achievements and atrocities, and, the necessary prologues to ongoing learning and transformation.

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Incorporating greater diversity and inclusion throughout the Press’s undertakings is critical to its future success. A leader on that path is the recently launched RavenSpace, a digital publishing model for collaborative authorship between Indigenous communities and researchers. It is with excitement and a strength of purpose that we look forward to UBC Press’s next half-century and responding to the changing dynamic and needs of the academy as it engages with broader public conversations.

The cumulative energy that brings UBC Press to its robust fiftieth year is exhilarating. We thank the University of British Columbia for creating and supporting a university press and to everyone, each and all, who has contributed along the way.

Melissa Pitts
Director, UBC Press
Mischief Making
Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, Art, and the Seriousness of Play
Nicola Levell, with Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas; foreword by Nobuhiro Kishigimi

In a gorgeously illustrated exploration of the art of Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, *Mischief Making* disproves any notion that play is frivolous. Deploying playful and punning tactics, Yahgulanaas shines a spotlight on serious topics.

Expressive and exuberant, comic and imaginative: these characteristics suffuse the work of the internationally recognized creator of Haida manga. His distinctive style stretches, twists, and flips the formlines of classic Haida art to create imagery that resonates with the graphic vitality of Asian manga. *Mischief Making* delineates the evolution of the artist’s visual practice into a uniquely hybrid aesthetic, uncovering its philosophical underpinnings.

This engaging, beautiful book reveals the artist’s deep understanding of the seriousness of play. As he investigates the intersections of Indigenous and other world views, the politics of land, cultural heritage, and global ecology, Yahgulanaas disrupts the expected, allowing different ways of experiencing, knowing, and seeing the world to emerge.

NICHOLAS LEVELL is a curator and an associate professor of museum and visual anthropology at the University of British Columbia. MICHAEL NICOLL YAHGULANAAS is a visual artist and author. He is the creator of Haida manga, an artistic genre that crosses cultures and disciplines.

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Edited by Sigrid Lien and Hilde Wallem Nielssen

Adjusting the Lens explores the role of photography in contemporary renegotiations of the past and in Indigenous art activism. Through moving and powerful case studies, contributors analyze photographic practices and heritage related to Indigenous communities in Canada, Australia, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the United States. In the process, they call attention to how Indigenous people are using old photographs in new ways to empower themselves, revitalize community identity, and decolonize the colonial record.

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You @ the U
A Guided Tour through Your First Year of University

Janet Miller; foreword by Elder Roy Bear Chief

If you’re gearing up for university, you probably have a few fears and concerns. Am I smart enough? How do I know which major is a good choice? How can I make friends, get good grades, and still get enough sleep?

Whether you’re making the transition to university straight out of high school or have taken a gap year (or a few!), this guided tour through first year demystifies the process, from registering for class and making the most of orientation to knowing when to pull an all-nighter and making time to prep for exams.

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JANET MILLER is a university student counsellor and registered psychologist who has devoted her career to student success and mental health. She is a counsellor and professor at Mount Royal University and an adjunct professor at the University of Calgary.
Making the Case
LGBTQ2S+ Rights and Religion in Schools
Donn Short, Bruce MacDougall, and Paul T. Clarke

A principal forbids same-sex prom dates. A community group tries to prohibit gender-neutral bathrooms. Despite growing acceptance of LGBTQ2S+ rights, Canadian schools regularly become battlegrounds in clashes between students wishing to express their sexuality or gender identity and those who perceive this as a threat to their values.

-making the case-clearly shows how Canadian law responds to “competing” human rights claims, when there is a clash between people asserting sexual minority rights and those asserting religious rights. The authors call on related court cases to explain the position of Canadian law. They demonstrate that Canadians have rights to religion and rights to gender expression or sexual orientation; and that supporting sexual minority rights does not undermine other people’s rights to religious freedom.

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A Long Way to Paradise
A New History of British Columbia Politics
Robert A.J. McDonald; foreword by Tina Loo

Polarized. Partisan. The BC political landscape has been characterized by divisiveness since Confederation. As outsized personalities from Amor De Cosmos to W.A.C. Bennett dominated the halls of power, militant radicals and reformers took to the streets and hustings. A Long Way to Paradise traces the evolution of political ideas from 1871 to 1972 to explore British Columbia’s journey to socio-political maturity, answering both why and how British Columbia became Canada’s most fractious province. Robert McDonald explains its classic left-right divide as a product of “common sense” liberalism that also shaped how British Columbians met the challenges of a modernizing world. McDonald tackles key questions: Why were the Liberal and Conservative parties obliterated in the 1950s? What can account for Bennett’s decades-long reign? And why did parties as diametrically opposed as Social Credit and the NDP succeed? This lively overview provides fresh insight into the fascinating story of provincial politics in Canada’s lotus land.

Robert A.J. McDonald was professor emeritus of history at the University of British Columbia and a leading historian of British Columbia. He was the author Making Vancouver: Class, Status, and Social Boundaries, 1863–1913, president of the Vancouver Historical Society, and a much-loved teacher.

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L. Jane McMillan

“In Jane McMillan has written an admirable, engaging, and formidable book about an Indigenous man’s quest for justice against the systemic injustices of Canada.”
— SÁKÉJ HENDERSON, Research Fellow, Native Law Centre of Canada, University of Saskatchewan

In the fall of 2020, tensions erupted between Indigenous and non-Indigenous commercial fishermen over lobster fishing in Nova Scotia. Headlines about the confrontation, in which a lobster plant was burned to the ground and catches made by Indigenous fishers were destroyed or released, were seen around the world. The Indigenous fishers stated they were being attacked for exercising their legal treaty rights, backed up by the 1999 Supreme Court’s Marshall decision. This is the story of Donald Marshall Jr. and his lifelong fight against injustice. His legacy lives on as Mi’kmaq continue to assert their rights and build justice programs grounded in customary laws and practices.

L. JANE McMILLAN is the former Canada Research Chair for Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Communities and chair of the Department of Anthropology at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.
Ours by Every Law of Right and Justice
Women and the Vote in the Prairie Provinces
Sarah Carter

Many of Canada's most famous suffragists lived and campaigned in the Prairie provinces, which led the way in granting women the right to vote and hold office. In *Ours by Every Law of Right and Justice*, Sarah Carter challenges the myth that grateful male legislators simply handed women the vote when it was asked for. Settler suffragists worked long and hard to overcome obstacles and persuade doubters. But even as they petitioned for the vote for their sisters, they often approved of that same right being denied to “foreigners” and Indigenous peoples. By situating the suffragists’ struggle in the colonial history of Prairie Canada, this powerful and passionate book shows that the right to vote meant different things to different people.

**SARAH CARTER** is the author of numerous books and articles on the history of women and First Nations in Prairie Canada, including *Imperial Plots: Women, Land, and the Spadework of British Colonialism on the Canadian Prairies*. She is a professor and the Henry Marshall Tory Chair in the Department of History and Classics and the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta.

Canada 1919
A Nation Shaped by War
Edited by Tim Cook and J.L. Granatstein

"A new world began in 1919. As great empires crumbled and traditions did not hold, Canadians saw their country in new and different ways. *Canada 1919* possesses an exceptionally wide vision, one that reveals how a tumultuous year dramatically changed how Canadians came to think differently about their politics, art, women, the war, and what Canada could be."

— JOHN ENGLISH, Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History

With compelling insight, *Canada 1919* exposes the ways in which the First World War shaped and changed Canada – and the ways it did not.

**TIM COOK**, CM, FRSC, is the First World War Historian at the Canadian War Museum and the author of eleven books on Canada’s military and political role in the First and Second World Wars. **J.L. GRANATSTEIN**, OC, FRSC, is Distinguished Research Professor of History Emeritus at York University, a former director and CEO of the Canadian War Museum, and the author of many books on Canadian military history, politics, and foreign policy.
The Laws and the Land
The Settler Colonial Invasion of Kahnawà:ke in Nineteenth-Century Canada
Daniel Rück

As the settler state of Canada expanded into Indigenous lands, settlers dispossessed Indigenous nations and undermined their sovereignty. *The Laws and the Land* shows how Canada invaded one Indigenous community, Kahnawà:ke, where settler law clashed with Indigenous law in a bruising series of asymmetrical encounters over land use and ownership. *The Laws and the Land* delineates the route from pre-contact and early contact ways of sharing land to the establishment of Kahnawà:ke within the French seigneurial system, land use and regulation under Kahnawà:ke law, and ultimately the colonizing push to impose the Indian Act and private property. What Daniel Rück describes is little short of an invasion spearheaded by bureaucrats, Indian agents, politicians, surveyors, and entrepreneurs. This original, meticulously researched book is deeply connected to larger issues of membership in Indigenous nations, communal versus individual property rights, governance, and inequality. It is the story of Canada’s legal and environmental conquest of Indigenous peoples and lands, and the persistence of one Indigenous nation.

This book is co-published in association with the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History.

**Daniel Rück** is an assistant professor in the Department of History and in the Institute of Indigenous Research and Studies at the University of Ottawa.
Debt and Federalism
Landmark Cases in Canadian Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law, 1894–1937

Thomas G.W. Telfer and Virginia Torrie; foreword by Iain Ramsay

The legal meaning of bankruptcy and insolvency law has often remained elusive, even to practitioners and scholars in the field, despite having been enshrined in Canada’s Constitution since Confederation. Federal power in this area must be measured against provincial jurisdiction over property and civil rights, among others. Debt and Federalism traces changing conceptions of the bankruptcy and insolvency power through four landmark cases that form the constitutional foundation of the Canadian bankruptcy system: the 1894 Voluntary Assignments case, Royal Bank of Canada v Larue in 1928, the 1934 Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act Reference, and the 1937 Farmers’ Creditors Arrangement Act Reference. Together, these decisions ultimately produced the bedrock for modern understandings of bankruptcy and insolvency law. Thomas G.W. Telfer and Virginia Torrie draw on archival and legal sources to analyze the decisions from a historical and doctrinal perspective. This astute book demonstrates that the legal changes introduced by these landmark cases underpin contemporary bankruptcy and insolvency law and scholarship.

Thomas G.W. Telfer is a professor and teaching fellow in the Faculty of Law at Western University. Virginia Torrie is an associate professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba and the editor-in-chief of the Banking and Finance Law Review.
No Legal Way Out
*R v Ryan, Domestic Abuse, and the Defence of Duress*

Nadia Verrelli and Lori Chambers

“Nadia Verrelli and Lori Chambers provide readers with a marvellously compelling version of a case with great public importance. This is an important and impressive work.”
— CONSTANCE BACKHOUSE, professor of law, University of Ottawa

An RCMP sting caught Nicole Doucet (Ryan) trying to hire a hitman to kill her ex-husband. It was supposed to be an open-and-shut case. It wasn’t.

*No Legal Way Out* details the judicial process, media coverage, and legal implications of *R v Ryan*. Appealed up to the Supreme Court of Canada, Doucet’s initial acquittal – on the basis of duress in the context of abuse – was overturned, but a stay of proceedings meant that she could not be tried again. The court castigated the RCMP for not protecting her, prompting a one-sided investigation that ultimately exonerated the force and garnered substantial critical media attention for Doucet.

*R v Ryan* limited the legal options for women seeking to escape abuse and had a profoundly negative impact on public perceptions of domestic violence. This unabashedly feminist analysis explains why the court, the police, and the media let down all women trapped by intimate partner terrorism.

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**Nadia Verrelli** is an associate professor of political science at Laurentian University. She is the editor of *The Democratic Dilemma: Reforming Canada’s Supreme Court*, and author of numerous articles and book chapters. **Lori Chambers** is a professor of gender and women’s studies at Lakehead University. She is the author of *Married Women and Property Law in Victorian Ontario* and *Misconceptions: Unmarried Motherhood and the Ontario Children of Unmarried Parents Act, 1921–1969*, both winners of the Alison Prentice Award.
Reconciling Truths
Reimagining Public Inquiries in Canada

Kim Stanton

Hundreds of commissions of inquiry have been struck in Canada since before Confederation, but many of their recommendations have never been implemented.

_reconciling truths_ explores the role and implications of commissions such as Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and particularly their limits and possibilities in an era of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Whether it is a public inquiry, truth commission, or royal commission, the chosen leadership and processes fundamentally affect its ability to achieve its mandate. Kim Stanton provides examples and in-depth critical analysis of these factors to offer practical guidance on how to improve the odds that recommendations will be implemented.

As a forthright examination of the institutional design of public inquiries, _Reconciling Truths_ affirms their potential to create a dialogue about issues of public importance that can prepare the way for policy development and shifts the dominant Canadian narrative over time.

_Kim Stanton_ is a Canadian lawyer and a scholar of commissions of inquiry. She is a commissioner on the joint federal/provincial public inquiry into the April 2020 mass casualty event in Nova Scotia.
Behind Closed Doors
The Law and Politics of Cabinet Secrecy

Yan Campagnolo; foreword by
The Honourable Louis LeBel, C.C.

“Yan Campagnolo’s excellent book is rigorous, learned, very well-written, clear, and to the point. It is a must-read for scholars as well as public officials and judges.”
— SUZANNE COMTOIS, professor, Faculty of Law, Université de Sherbrooke

In an era where government transparency and accountability are considered fundamental values, does Cabinet secrecy still have a place? The legal and political rules that protect the confidentiality of collective decision making at the highest level of the state executive have come under increasing scrutiny in Canada.

Behind Closed Doors is the first comprehensive work on this controversial doctrine. Yan Campagnolo defends the practice of Cabinet secrecy by demonstrating that it is essential to the proper functioning of responsible government, while finding that the statutory provisions that support secrecy at the federal level are excessively broad and quite possibly unconstitutional.

Employing a comparative analysis of the rules that apply provincially in Canada and in the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, this meticulous work proposes a feasible solution: specific reforms that would achieve a better balance between transparency and confidentiality.

YAN CAMPAGNOLO is an associate professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa and a member of the Ontario Bar. He is the author of Le secret ministériel: Théorie et pratique and, with Adam Dodek, La constitution canadienne, as well as numerous peer-reviewed articles in French and English.

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So Much More Than Art
Indigenous Miniatures of the Pacific Northwest
Jack Davy

“So Much More Than Art goes beyond other studies by demonstrating how Northwest Coast Indigenous artists use and have used miniaturization not only as an artistic practice but in provoking interventions in social relations and as a strategy of communication and resistance in the face of colonialism.”
— KAREN DUFFEK, curator, Contemporary Visual Arts and Pacific Northwest, Museum of Anthropology at UBC

Miniature canoes, houses and totems, and human figurines have been produced on the Northwest Coast since at least the sixteenth century. What has motivated Indigenous artists to produce these tiny artworks? Are they curios, toys, art, or something else?

So Much More Than Art is a highly original exploration of this intricate cultural pursuit. Through case studies and conversations with contemporary Indigenous artists, Jack Davy uncovers the ways in which miniatures have functioned as crucial components of satirical opposition to colonial government, preservation of traditional techniques, and political and legal negotiation.

This nuanced study of a hitherto misunderstood practice demonstrates the importance of miniaturization as a technique for communicating complex cultural ideas between generations and communities, and across the divide that separates Indigenous and settler societies. Most of all, So Much More Than Art is a testament to the cultural resilience of the Indigenous peoples of the Northwest Coast.
Métis Rising
Living Our Present Through the Power of Our Past
Edited by Yvonne Boyer and Larry Chartrand

Métis Rising draws on a remarkable cross-section of perspectives to tell the histories and stories of people from richly varied backgrounds, demonstrating that there is no single Métis experience – only a common sense of belonging and a commitment to justice.

The contributors to this unique collection, most of whom are Métis themselves, examine often-neglected aspects of Métis existence. They talk about the arduous journey to rebuild the Métis nation from a once-marginalized and defeated people; their accounts range from personal reflections on identity to tales of advocacy against poverty and poor housing and for the recognition of Métis rights.

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