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Jody Wilson-Raybould’s book *From Where I Stand* will be released on September 20th.

From Where I Stand is a timely, forthright, impassioned, and optimistic book for all Canadians – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – that urges us to build upon the momentum already gained on the reconciliation journey or else risk hard-won progress being lost.

Vancouver BC (July 23, 2019). Jody Wilson-Raybould’s *From Where I Stand: Rebuilding Indigenous Nations for a Stronger Canada* will be released by Purich Books, an imprint of UBC Press, on September 20th.

“Front and centre in all these writings is the challenge of reconciliation and Indigenous empowerment – of Nation rebuilding – addressing Canada’s colonial legacy and building a future where Indigenous Rights are recognized, respected, and fully implemented. This is the work that we need to do as a country if we are to reach our full potential. And, to be sure, it is a responsibility for all of us.” – *from the Introduction*

Jody Wilson-Raybould has dedicated much of her life to advancing Indigenous Rights in this country. She is currently the independent member of Parliament for Vancouver Granville and has served as British Columbia Regional Chief and minister of justice and attorney general of Canada. Her representation of both First Nations and the Crown at the highest levels gives her a unique and important perspective on leadership and into the challenges faced, and successes earned, by Indigenous peoples.

In this powerful book, Jody Wilson-Raybould draws on her speeches and other writings to argue that true reconciliation will occur only when Canada moves beyond denial, recognizes Indigenous Rights, and replaces the Indian Act. The good news is that there are solutions. Now it is time to act, to end the legacy of colonialism and replace it with a future built on foundations of trust, cooperation, and Indigenous self-government.

From Where I Stand is a must-read book for all Canadians. Puglaas shares a clear understanding of where we have come from, the issues we must address, and the pathways to a transformed future. Having witnessed her remarkable courage and capacity as Canada’s attorney general and her determination to do what is right without succumbing to unrelenting political pressure, Puglaas stands tall among Canadians as a person for whom

truth, thoughtfulness, and principle are not mere words – but values to sustain a different kind of policy and politics.”

– Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (Aki-Kwe), Professor of Law, Allard Law School UBC, and Director of the Residential School History and Dialogue Centre

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<p>[cover forthcoming]</p>	<p>FROM WHERE I STAND Rebuilding Indigenous Nations for a Stronger Canada Jody Wilson-Raybould</p> <p>264 pages, 6 x 9 Paperback Release Date: September 20, 2019 ISBN: 978-0-7748-8053-4 \$24.95</p> <p>Jody Wilson-Raybould outlines in impassioned, inspiring prose the actions that must be taken by governments, Indigenous Nations, and all Canadians to achieve true reconciliation in this country.</p>
	<p>Author Biography</p> <p>Jody Wilson-Raybould, also known by her Kwak’wala name Puglaas, is a lawyer, advocate, and a proud Indigenous Canadian. She was Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations for British Columbia from 2009 to 2015 and minister of justice and attorney general of Canada from 2015 to 2019. Prior to entering politics, she was a provincial Crown prosecutor in Vancouver and later served as an adviser at the BC Treaty Commission, a body established to oversee complex treaty negotiations between First Nations and the Crown. In 2004, she was elected as a treaty commissioner by the Chiefs of the First Nations Summit. She also served as an elected councillor for her own community of We Wai Kai (Cape Mudge) from 2009 to 2015. <i>Photo by Erich Saide Photography</i></p>
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