

## Best Books

# The Hill Times' List of 100 Best Books in 2020

**Acadian Driftwood: One Family and the Great Expulsion**, by Tyler LeBlanc, Goose Lane Editions, 184pp., \$19.95

**A History of My Brief Body**, by Billy-Ray Belcourt, Penguin Random House Canada, 192pp., \$25

**An Alphabet for Joanna: A Portrait of My Mother in 26 Fragments**, by Damian Rogers, Alfred A. Knopf Canada, 344pp., \$32.95

**An Autobiography of the Autobiography of Reading**, by Dionne Brand, University of Alberta Press, 72pp., \$12.99

**A National Project: Syrian Refugee Resettlement in Canada**, edited by Leah Hamilton, Luisa Veronis, and Margaret Walton-Roberts, McGill-Queen's University Press, 440pp., \$34.95

**Anatomy of an Election: Canada's 2019 Federal General Election Through the Lens of Political Law**, by Gregory Tardi, Irwin Law, 807pp., \$59.95

**Basic Income for Canadians: From the COVID-19 Emergency to Financial Security For All**, by Evelyn L. Forget, Lorimer, 255pp., \$24.95 (revised edition)

**Big Moves: Global Agendas, Local Aspirations, and Urban Mobility in Canada**, by Anthony Perl, Matt Hern, and Jeffrey R. Kenworthy, McGill-Queen's University Press, 344pp., \$37.95

**Big Promises, Small Government: Doing Less With Less in the B.C. Liberal New Era**, by George Abbott, UBC Press, 192pp., \$32.95

**Black Water: Family, Legacy, and Blood Memory**, by David Robertson, Harper Collins Canada, 288pp., \$32.99

**Bois-Brûlés: The Untold Story of the Mérit of Western Québec**, by Michel Bouchard, Sébastien Malette, and Guillaume Marcotte, UBC Press, 320pp., \$34.95

**Braver Canada: Shaping Our Destiny in a Precarious World**, by Derek H. Burney and Fen Osler Hampson, McGill-Queen's University Press, 264pp., \$29.95

**Canada and Ireland: A Political and Diplomatic History**, by Philip J. Currie, UBC Press, 284pp., \$32.95

**Canada at a Crossroads: Boundaries, Bridges, and Laissez-Faire Racism in Indigenous-Settler Relations**, by Jeffrey S. Denis, University of Toronto Press, 384pp., \$39.95

**Canada At War: Conscripted, Diplomacy, and Politics**, by J.L. Granatstein, University of Toronto Press, 317 pp., \$32.95

**Canadian Federalism and Its Future: Actors and Institutions**, edited by Alain-G. Gagnon and Johanne Poirier, McGill-Queen's University Press, 440pp., \$44.95

**Canadian Political Economy**, edited by Heather Whiteside, University of Toronto Press, 440 pp., \$44.95

**Carbon Province, Hydro Province: The Challenge of Canadian Energy and Climate Federalism**, by Douglas Macdonald, University of Toronto Press, 336pp., \$39.95

**Catastrophe: Stories and Lessons from the Halifax Explosion**, by T. Joseph Scanlon, edited by Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 400pp., \$31.99

**Collective Care: Indigenous Motherhood, Family, and HIV/AIDS**, by Pamela J. Downe, University of Toronto Press, 176pp., \$26.95

**Commanding Hope: The Power We Have to Renew A World in Peril**, by Thomas Homer-Dixon, Knopf Canada, 451pp., \$36

**Closing Sysco: Industrial Decline in Atlantic Canada's Steel City**, by Lachlan MacKinnon, University of Toronto Press, 304pp., \$34.95

**Corporate Social Responsibility and Canada's Role in Africa's Extractive Sectors**, edited by Nathan Andrews and J. Andrew Grant, University of Toronto Press, 320pp., \$36.95

**Creating Indigenous Property: Power, Rights, and Relationships**, edited by Angela Cameron, Sari Graben, and Val Napoleon, University of Toronto Press, 384pp., \$39.95

**Cry Wolf: Inquest Into the True Nature of a Predator**, by Harold R. Johnson, University of Regina Press, 168pp., \$16.95

**Digital Politics in Canada: Promises and Realities**, edited by Tamara A. Small and Harold J. Jansen, University of Toronto Press, 328pp., \$49.95

**Distributed Democracy: Health Care Governance in Ontario**, by Carey Doberstein, University of Toronto Press, 234pp., \$60

**Extraordinary Canadians: Stories From the Heart of Our Nation**, by Peter Mansbridge, with Mark Bulgutch, Simon & Schuster Canada, 304pp., \$27.99

**Field Notes from a Pandemic: A Journey Through a World Suspended**, by Ethan Lou, Penguin Random House Canada, 240pp., \$22

**Frequencies: International Spectrum Policy**, edited by Gregory Taylor and Catherine Middleton, McGill-Queen's University Press, 352pp., \$34.95

**Forever Terry: A Legacy in Letters**, edited by Darrell Fox, Viking Penguin Random House Canada, 256pp., \$29.95

**Framing Risky Choices: Brexit and the Dynamics of High-Stakes Referendums**, by İce Özlem Atikkan, Richard Nadeau, and Éric Bélanger, McGill-Queen's University Press, 248pp., \$32.95

**Freeing Trade in North America**, by Greg Anderson, McGill-Queen's University Press, 208pp., \$32.95

**Geopolitical Amnesia: The Rise of the Right and the Crisis of Liberal Memory**, edited by Vibeke Schou Tjalve, McGill-Queen's University Press, 176pp., \$29.95

**How Government Really Works: A Field Guide to Bureaucracies in Canada**, by Jane All and Angela Poirier, Formac Lorimer Books, 240pp., \$22.95

**Ice Walker: A Polar Bear's Journey Through the Fragile Arctic**, by James Raffan, Simon & Schuster Canada, 192pp., \$25

**In Sight: My Life in Science and Biotech**, by Julia Levy, University of Toronto Press, 312pp., \$34.95

**In Your Face: Law, Justice, and Niqab-Wearing Women in Canada**, by Natasha Bakht, Irwin Law Inc., 266pp., \$34.95

**Intimate Integration: A History of the Sixties Scoop and the Colonization of Indigenous Kinship**, by Allyson D. Stevenson, University of Toronto Press, 352pp., \$32.95

**Indigenous Empowerment Through Co-management: Land Claims Boards, Wildlife Management, and Environmental Regulation**, by Graham White, UBC Press, 400pp., \$34.95

**Inside the Campaign: Managing Elections in Canada**, edited by Alex Marland and Thierry Giasson, UBC Press, 200pp., \$29.95

**International Education As Public Policy in Canada**, edited by Merli Tamtik, Roopa Desai Trilokekar, and Glen A. Jones, McGill-Queen's University Press, 504pp., \$39.95

**Landscapes of Injustice: A New Perspective on the Internment and Dispossession of Japanese Canadians**, edited by Jordan Stanger-Ross, McGill-Queen's University Press, 496pp., \$39.95

**Lead for the Planet: Five Practices for Confronting Climate Change**, by Rae André, University of Toronto Press, 272pp., \$29.95

**Lost on Division: Party Unity in the Canadian Parliament**, by Jean-François Godbout, University of Toronto Press, 312pp., \$39.95

**Magdalena: River of Dreams**, by Wade Davis, Knopf Canada, 432pp., \$39.95

**Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor**, by Layla F. Saad, Sourcebooks, 256pp., \$37.99

**Might Nature Be Canadian: Essays on Mutual Accommodation**, by William A. Macdonald, McGill-Queen's University Press, 432pp., \$37.95

**Missing from the Village: The Story of Serial Killer Bruce McArthur, the Search for Justice, and the System That Failed Toronto's Queer Community**, by Justin Ling, McClelland & Stewart Penguin Random House Canada, 304pp., \$32.95

**Nested Federalism and Inuit Governance in the Canadian Arctic**, by Gary N. Wilson, Christopher Alcantara, and Thierry Rodon, UBC Press, 224pp., \$29.95

**Newspapering: 50 Years of Reporting from Canada and Around the World**, by Norman Webster, Barlow Books, \$22.95

**Our Hearts Are as One Fire: An Ojibway-Anishinaabe Vision for the Future**, by Jerry Fontaine, UBC Press, 180pp., \$29.95

**Partisan Odysseys: Canada's Political Parties**, by Nelson Wiseman, University of Toronto Press, 240pp., \$29.95

**Peace by Chocolate: The Hadhad Family's Remarkable Journey from Syria to Canada**, by Jon Tattrie, Goose Lane, 216pp., \$22.95

**Planet Canada: How Our Expats Are Shaping the Future**, by John Stackhouse, Random House Canada, 360pp., \$35

**Political Adaptation in Canadian Theatre**, by Kailin Wright, McGill-Queen's University Press, 272pp., \$34.95

**Professional Heckler**, by Terry Mosher, McGill-Queen's University Press, 480pp., \$49.95

**Public Education, Neoliberalism, and Teachers: New York, Mexico City, Toronto**, by Paul Bocking, University of Toronto Press, 316pp., \$60

**Reaching Mithymna: Among the Volunteers and Refugees on Lesbos**, by Steven Heighton, Biblioasis, \$22.95

**Reset: Reclaiming the Internet for Civil Society**, by Ronald J. Deibert, House of Anansi Press, 304pp., \$22.95

**Resilience is Futile: The Life and Death and Life of Julie S. Lalonde**, by Julie S. Lalonde, Between the Lines, 176pp., \$23.95

**Seen but Not Seen: Influential Canadians and the First Nations from the 1840s to Today**, by Donald B. Smith, University of Toronto Press, 488pp., \$32.95

**Shame on Me: An Anatomy of Race and Belonging**, by Tessa McWatt, Random House Canada, 240pp., \$24.95

**Since the Boom: Continuity and Change in the Western Industrialized World after 1970**, edited by Sebastian Voigt, University of Toronto Press, 288pp., \$75

**Smart Cities in Canada: Digital Dreams Corporate Designs Independent Experts Analyze Often-Controversial Schemes from Nunavut to Montreal to Toronto's Failed Sidewalk Labs Waterfront**, edited by Mariana Valverde and Alexandra Flynn, Lorimer, 200pp., \$22.95

**Solved: How the World's Great Cities Are Fixing the Climate Crisis**, by David Miller, University of Toronto Press, 208pp., \$29.95

**Strangers to Neighbours: Refugee Sponsorship in Context**, edited by Shauna Labman and Geoffrey Cameron, McGill-Queen's University Press, 400pp., \$37.95

**Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Canada**, edited by Jez Littlewood, Lorne L. Dawson, and Sara K. Thompson, University of Toronto Press, 352pp., \$36.95

**The Age of Fentanyl: Ending the Opioid Epidemic**, by Brodie Ramin, Dundurn, 232pp., \$22.99.

**The Art of Sharing: The Richer versus the Poorer Provinces since Confederation**, by Mary Janigan, McGill-Queen's University Press, 420pp., \$39.95

**The Canadian Light Source: A Story of Scientific Collaboration**, by G.M. Bancroft with D.D. Johnson, University of Toronto Press, 184pp., \$48.75

**The Children's Senator: Landon Pearson and a Lifetime of Advocacy**, edited by Virginia Caputo, McGill-Queen's University Press, 240pp., \$75

**The Conflict Over the Conflict: The Israel/Palestine Campus Debate**, by Kenneth S. Stern, University of Toronto Press, 296pp., \$29.95

**The End of the CBC?**, by David Taras and Christopher Waddell, University of Toronto Press, 240 pp., University of Toronto Press, 240pp., \$34.95

**The Expendables: How The Middle Class Got Screwed by Globalization**, by Jeff Rubin, Penguin Random House Canada, 368pp., \$32.95

**The Fight For History: 75 Years of Forgetting, Remembering, and Remaking Canada's Second World War**, by Tim Cook, Penguin Random House Canada, 512pp., \$35

**The Forest City Killer: A Serial Murderer, A Cold-Case Sleuth, and a Search for Justice**, by Vanessa Brown, ECW Press, 360pp., \$21.95

**The Imperilled Ocean: Human Stories From a Changing Sea**, by Laura Trethewey, Goose Lane, 234pp., \$22.95

**The Life of North American Suburbs: Imagined Utopias and Transitional Spaces**, edited by Jan Nijman, University of Toronto Press, 400pp., \$39.95

**The New Climate Activism: NGO Authority and Participation in Climate Change Governance**, by Jen Iris Allan, University of Toronto Press, 226pp., \$29.95

**The New Twenty Years' Crisis: A Critique of International Relations, 1999-2019**, by Philip Cunliffe, McGill-Queen's University Press, 168pp., \$27.95

**The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power**, by Desmond Cole, Double Day Penguin Random House Canada, 258pp., \$29.95

**The State of the System: A Reality Check on Canada's Schools**, by Paul W. Bennett, McGill-Queen's University Press, 256pp., \$39.95

**The Story of CO2: Big Ideas for a Small Molecule**, by Geoffrey A. Ozin and Mireille F. Ghossoub, University of Toronto Press, 280pp., \$34.95

**The Strongmen: European Encounters with Sovereign Power**, by Hans Kribbe, McGill-Queen's University Press, 320pp., \$37.95

**The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada**, edited by Patrice Dutil, UBC Press, 530pp., \$45

**The Viking Immigrants: Icelandic North Americans**, by L.K. Bertram, University of Toronto Press, 264pp., \$35.95

**The Violence of Work: New Essays in Canadian and U.S. Labour History**, edited by Jeremy Milloy and Joan Sangster, University of Toronto Press, 208pp., \$32.95

**They Said This Would Be Fun: Race, Campus Life, and Growing Up**, by Eternity Martis, McClelland & Stewart, 256pp., \$25.

**Toward the Health of a Nation: The Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation—The First Seventy Years**, by Leslie Boehm, McGill-Queen's University Press, 640pp., \$49.95

**Trump, Trudeau, Tweets, Truth: A Conversation**, by Bill Fox, McGill-Queen's University Press, 320pp., \$34.95

**Two Trees Make a Forest: In Search of My Family's Past Among Taiwan's Mountains and Coasts**, by Jessica J. Lee, Hamish Hamilton Penguin Random House Canada, 304pp., \$24.95

**Until We Are Free**, edited by Rodney Diverlus, Sandy Hudson, Syrus Marcus Ware, University of Regina Press, 499pp., \$27.95

**War: How Conflict Shaped Us**, by Margaret MacMillan, Allen Lane Penguin Canada, 336pp., \$35

**War Junk: Munitions Disposal and Postwar Construction in Canada**, by Alex Souchen, UBC Press, 304pp., \$34.95

**We Resist: Defending the Common Good in Hostile Times**, edited by Cynthia Levine-Rasky and Lisa Kowalchuk, McGill-Queen's University Press, 328pp., \$29.95

**Whipped: Party Discipline in Canada**, by Alex Marland, UBC Press, 480pp., \$34.95.

**Who Pays for Canada? Taxes and Fairness**, edited by E.A. Heaman and David Tough, McGill-Queen's University Press, 424pp., \$39.95.

**Winning and Keeping Power in Canadian Politics**, by Jason Roy and Christopher Alcantara, University of Toronto Press, 264pp., \$32.95

**Won't Get Fooled Again: A Graphic Guide to Fake News**, by Erin Steuter, illustrated by Alan Spinney, Between the Lines, 192pp., \$29.95.

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