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En 2009, le gouvernement conservateur de Stephen Harper a modifié le guide officiel de la citoyenneté remis à tous les nouveaux immigrants. La nouvelle version fait une plus grande place à l’histoire militaire et présente beaucoup d’information sur la monarchie, mais fait très peu état de nos programmes publics importants et de l’histoire de nos mouvements pour la justice sociale. Rédigé d’un point de vue québécois, cet ouvrage, un groupe d’universitaires progressistes proposent une vision de la citoyenneté et de l’identité canadiennes plus dynamique, plus honnête, plus humaine que celle de Stephen Harper.

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* Sacrifice at Toronto’s G8/G20 Summit
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Much public debate ensued after the violence and police brutality that gripped Toronto in June 2010 during the G8/G20 Summit. It is now being revealed how the Conservative government’s stimulus package was funnelled into “infrastructure” projects aimed at policing Canadians who wished to protest the summit. Renzi and Elmer argue that the Canadian state cultivated an image of the city’s financial district as a zone at risk from domestic – or “embedded” – threats. The rationale for “policing” protestors, both peaceful ones and the so-called “black bloc,” relied on new forms of state infrastructure redefined through financial, legal, and bio-political frameworks.

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Alessandra Renzi is a post-doctoral fellow at Infoscape Centre for the Study of Social Media where she conducts research on the criminalization of dissent, and on the design and use of FOSS platforms for collaborative media-making. Her work focuses on the development of research methodologies and collaborative creative practices that foster productive connections between academia and activism.

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AU MANITOBA FRANÇAIS
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Il n’y a pas eu qu’une Révolution tranquille…

Les années 1960 ont bouleversé et transformé la société québécoise de fond en comble. Ces changements dans les domaines politiques, sociaux et administratifs eurent un écho au Manitoba français, alors qu’une longue période de réflexion et de débats vigoureux vint opérer des changements tout aussi profonds dans cette petite société apparemment isolée du Québec, mais soumise aux mêmes pressions démographiques et idéologiques.

Le mouvement vers le renouveau du leadership de la communauté franco-manitobaine et surtout la laïcisation de ses institutions y furent particulièrement prononcés. Le présent essai trace l’histoire transformatrice de cette période.

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VARTAN HÉZARAN est né dans une famille arménienne à Istanbul. Il a exercé plusieurs métiers, entre autres, vendeur à l’étalage, boxeur, militaire, camionneur, policier et enseignant. Après avoir trop lu, il décide d’écrire. Nouvelles

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MIRIAM RUDOLPH is a professional artist and printmaker, originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba and currently residing in Minneapolis. The book follows the true story of Rudolph’s grandfather’s immigration from Altona, Manitoba to Loma Plata, Paraguay in the 1920s.

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Lisa Weaver lives in Madison, Wisconsin, and is the author of Praying With Our Feet (Herald Press, 2005). Julie Kauffman is a designer whose credits include Simply in Season and Simply in Season Children’s Cookbook (Herald Press, 2005 and 2006, respectively); Judith Rempel Smucker is a free-lance designer originally from Manitoba and has done a variety of design work for Mennonite Central Committee, including Consider the Threshing Stone (Pandora Press, 2008).

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DORA DUECK’s other books include the novel Under the Still Standing Sun (Kindred, 1989) and the story collection What You Get at Home (Turnstone, 2012). Her stories have been featured on CBC Radio, and in journals such as Room, Prairie Fire, Rhubarb, and Journal of Mennonite Studies. She lives in Winnipeg.

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One day as the great Eagle flew high above the forest he came upon a small bundle containing seven teachings, teachings that will bring balance, harmony and peace to all who practise them. But the teachings come with a simple warning: beware of envy and greed. As Eagle spreads the seven teachings throughout the forest, he forgets to heed their warning, and soon the forest is lost to jealousy, greed and selfishness. Eagle must save the forest, and he soon learns the most important teaching of all: truth. This engaging story, with beautiful illustrations by Dozay (Arlene) Christmas, allows the reader to reconnect to and understand the seven teachings and their meaning in relation to themselves and society as a whole. The Lost Teachings is a story about the importance of the seven teachings – wisdom, respect, love, honesty, humility, courage and truth – and how interconnected they are in achieving balance, harmony and peace for individuals and society as a whole.

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STEPHEN LAW is a writer, ecological farmer and social activist as well as an internationally accredited trainer and coach in Conflict Mediation and a skilled facilitator. He has worked on campaigns exposing the impacts of mining on communities in Canada and Latin America and worked for a year as an international accompanier supporting human rights activists in Colombia. He has two young daughters and lives with his partner in Kennetcook, Nova Scotia.

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Disability Rights
by Deborah Stienstra

Through a close examination of employment, education, transportation, telecommunications and health care, About Canada: Disability Rights explores the landscape of disability rights in Canada and finds that, while important advances have been made, Canadians with disabilities still experience significant barriers in obtaining their human rights. Using the stories and voices of people with disabilities, Deborah Stienstra argues that disability is not about “faulty” bodies that need to be fixed, but about the institutional, cultural and attitudinal reactions to certain kinds of bodies, and that neoliberal ideas of independence and individualism are at the heart of the continuing discrimination against “disabled” people. Stienstra contends that achieving disability rights is possible, but not through efforts to “fix” certain kinds of bodies. Rather it can be achieved through universal design, disability supports, social and economic supports and belonging – in short, through foundational social transformation of Canadian society.

Deborah Stienstra is Professor in Disability Studies at the University of Manitoba. She held the Royal Bank Research Chair in Disability Studies from 2000-2003 at the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies. She has worked with national organizations including the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women and the Council of Canadians with Disabilities. She is co-editor of Making Equality: History of Advocacy and Persons with Disabilities in Canada and the lead author of Women with Disabilities: Accessing Trade.

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by Jan Andrews

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Internationally celebrated storyteller Jan Andrews is author to more than a dozen beloved books. She writes out of a conviction that young people have within them all that they need to manage in their lives. Her faith in her readers shows clearly in her work.

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From Colleen Nelson, recipient of the McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award (Tori by Design, 2012).

COLLEEN NELSON examines the consequences of choice in her novels through believable teen characters and by juxtaposing situations and social structures. She has lived in Japan and New York City, but currently resides with her husband in Winnipeg.

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THE LUCKY ONES
African Refugees’ Stories of Extraordinary Courage
By Anne Mahon
Foreword by Lloyd Axworthy
Photographs by Keith Levit

War, genocide, rape, looting, violence – the makings of nightmares is the daily reality for millions in contemporary Africa. To survive often means abandoning everything in a quick escape. If it were you, what would you do to survive? Could you flee? Could you leave behind belongings, memories, valuables, children, mothers, fathers?

In 2012, more than a thousand refugees to Manitoba, most from Africa, did just that. They are the lucky ones.

In this compelling collection, African refugees tell us, in their own words, how their lives were ripped apart and what they had to do to build new ones. They relate their stories with calm, matter-of-fact dignity that underplays the horrific challenges they have faced. In the pages of this book, we meet a wide assortment of men and women ranging in age from four to 73, representing a variety of African countries and backgrounds.

These accounts, as compiled by Anne Mahon, tell us much about the strength of the human spirit. These refugees show an openness to change and an unwavering gratitude that is an inspiring lesson for Canadians fortunate enough to already live here.

Candidly told in their own words, the stories reveal the uplifting truth of their subjects’ unbreakable human spirit.

Anne Mahon’s interest in telling the stories of African refugees grew out of her dedicated commitment to Canada’s newcomers. She has been involved in a variety of community organizations and was nominated for the Lieutenant Governor’s Make a Difference Community Award for her volunteer service. She lives in Winnipeg with her husband and three children. This is her first book.

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The Great River Road
by Barbara Huck

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BARBARA HUCK’s passion for history began during summers as a child in Saskatchewan’s ancient and fascinating Qu’Appelle Valley and winters wandering through what is now the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. She spent two decades as a National Newspaper award-winning journalist and broadcaster, and has spent the last fifteen years as an author, editor and publisher. In that time, she has authored or co-authored nine books, including four national bestsellers, and won five awards as a writer and editor. During the same period, Heartland Associates has won twenty-seven awards and been nominated for many more.

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WALKING INTO WILDERNESS
The Toronto Carrying Place and
Nine Mile Portage
by Heather Robertson

This is a sweeping history of the land and water trails between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay. Lavishly illustrated with archival paintings, modern photography and maps, Robertson’s award-winning history begins with the geological history and early archaeology of southern Ontario’s ancient paths and waterways. Delving into the initial success and ultimate devastation of the Wendat, Robertson explores the coming of the French, the fur trade and the War of 1812, the settlement and railway periods and the devastation wrought by Hurricane Hazel.

Within this sweeping panorama are beautifully wrought portraits of Etienne Brûlé, the first European to tread on Ontario soil; Father Jean de Brébeuf, martyr to his evangelism; Robert Cavelier de La Salle, North America’s ceaseless wanderer; Upper Canada Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, whose brief tenure left a lasting mark; William Lyon Mackenzie, the City of Toronto’s first mayor, and many, many others.

What might be seen as regional history, two of the five jurors for the Speaker’s Award wrote, it is in fact a much broader history of Ontario, Canada and North America. History

Author and journalist HEATHER ROBERTSON has more than a dozen books and dozens of articles to her name.

A founding member of both The Writers’ Union of Canada and the Professional Writers Association of Canada, Heather served as the class representative in Robertson vs. Thomson, a successful class action lawsuit over electronic rights for freelance writers. Though brought up in Winnipeg, and now a resident of Aurora, ON, Robertson lived for many years in King City, almost astride one of the ancient trails north of Toronto.

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TIM HIGGINS’ career includes acting, directing and writing for television. He has two Blizzard nominations for screenwriting; one for an historical documentary, the other for drama. Since 2000, in addition to his television work, he has written and staged four plays about Manitoba history and authored or co-authored five books, including three for Heartland.

Apart from seven years with the Hudson’s Bay Company’s head office in Winnipeg, LAIRD RANKIN spent his working life in the non-profit sector, first with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, then with the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba and finally, as the founding Executive Director of Canada’s National History Society and publisher of its popular history magazine, The Beaver, now known as Canada’s History. Laird is also the author or co-author of five books.

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KENNETH T. WILLIAMS is a Cree playwright, filmmaker and journalist from the George Gordon First Nation. His plays Gordon Winter (Scirocco 2012), Thunderstick (Scirocco 2010), Bannock Republic (Scirocco 2011), Suicide Notes and Three Little Birds have been professionally produced across Canada.

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by Melody A. Johnson

How does a farm girl in 1950s Ontario escape the stall-cleaning, cow-milking, hay-baling drudgery of life on Rural Route 2? She becomes a movie star, of course! The quickest route to Hollywood for a plucky gal in the mid-twentieth century was to enter as many beauty pageants as possible and to sing, twirl and pivot her way into the hearts of judges. And so Peggy Ann Douglas did just that, as did so many other young women of her generation, hoping to follow in the footsteps of starlets like Debbie Reynolds.

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MELODY A. JOHNSON is an alumnus of The Toronto Second City where she has directed main-stage revues We’ve Totally Probably Got This, 0% Down, and Second City for Mayor. Comedic turns include An Awkward Evening with Martin & Johnson with fellow alum Bob (The Drowsy Chaperone) Martin.

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by Beverley Cooper

The year is 1928 and someone is stealing Al Capone’s whiskey. Prohibition has just been lifted in Ontario but still holds firm in Chicago. For those who want a drink, the morality is shaky. In a quiet little diner close to the U.S. border, Lucy yearns for excitement and glamour. When a couple of well-dressed American gangsters make an after hours visit, Lucy changes her tune as the stakes get higher…

BEVERLEY COOPER trained as an actor and has performed in TV, film and in theatres across the country. As a writer she has written plays, episodic TV and film. She has written extensively for CBC radio drama: both original dramas and adaptations. Her adaptation of Rohinton Mistry’s epic novel A Fine Balance and her original drama It Came from Beyond! both earned her nominations for a Writers Guild of Canada Award. Beverley’s writing for theatre includes Thin Ice (co-written with Banuta Rubess) which won Dora and Chalmer’s Awards, The Eyes of Heaven (published by Scirocco Drama) and The Woman in White (adapted from the novel by Wilkie Collins). Her play Innocence Lost: A Play about Steven Truscott (Scirocco Drama) was a sold-out hit at the Blyth Festival in both 2008 and 2009 and was a finalist for the Governor General’s Literary Award in 2009. The National Arts Centre and the Centaur Theatre will co-produce Innocence Lost in 2013.

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BERYL YOUNG is the author of three best-selling books – Follow the Elephant, Charlie: A Home Child’s Life in Canada and Wishing Star Summer. Her books have received many award nominations, and she won the 2012 Chocolate Lily Award for the best B.C. novel and a 2010 Silver Moonbeam Award. This is Beryl’s first picture book, and she had lots of fun writing the story and taking Guapo for school visits.

JASON DOLL is an award-winning cartoon animator and illustrator. He is a fine arts graduate from the University of Manitoba. His first picture book Freddie’s Problem, was shortlisted for the 2010 McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award and was a 2011 Best Book for Kids & Teens selection. Jason’s research for this book led him to the newest member of their family, Belle, a five-year-old Congo African Grey Parrot.

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Marilyn Helmer is a writer who wears many hats. She is the award-winning author of over thirty published children’s books including picture books, early chapters, novels, a Once-Upon-A-Time series of retold fairy tales and a series of riddle books. Her short stories, poetry and articles have appeared in children’s magazines and anthologies in Canada and the United States. Marilyn’s penchant for entering writing contests has resulted in success with adult fiction as well.

Sonia Nadeau’s love of drawing and illustration first emerged when her mother discovered that a supply of crayons and paper on the high chair tray kept her daughter entertained and happy. This led to a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Manitoba’s School of Art and five illustrated children’s books.

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Erna Michalow is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and taught elementary school for many years. She lives in Winnipeg where she is an active participant in several art clubs. Her inspiration for this book arose from a club challenge requiring members to create their own short book. Erna chose to write a children’s story with a focus on nature, using her talents as a landscape artist to depict the natural beauty of our world.

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ALEXIS FLOWER est un artiste multidisciplinaire qui vit surtout à Winnipeg. Ce qu’il aime le plus, c’est raconter des histoires, en mots, en musique ou au crayon. S’il a déjà publié sur d’autres supports, Émilie au pays des salsifes est le premier livre qu’il illustre.

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Alison Preston was born and raised in Winnipeg. After trying on a number of other Canadian cities, she returned to her home town, where she currently resides. A graduate of the University of Winnipeg, and a letter carrier for 28 years, Preston has been twice nominated for the John Hirsch Award for Most Promising Manitoba Writer. She was shortlisted for the Carol Shields Winnipeg Book Award and the McNally Robinson Book of the Year Award for Cherry Bites and the Mary Scorer Award for Best Book by a Manitoba Publisher for Sunny Dreams. The Girl in the Wall won the 2012 Margaret Laurence Award for Fiction.
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JANICE MACDONALD holds a Master’s degree in English Literature from the University of Alberta where she has worked as a sessional lecturer, radio producer, and bartender. She also spent a decade teaching literature, communications and creative writing at Grant MacEwan College and has held positions as both an online chatroom monitor and distance course instructor. Condemned to Repeat is the fourth installment of the Randy Craig Mystery Series. Janice lives in Edmonton with her husband Randy and is the proud mother of two glorious grown girls.

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Karen Dudley worked in field biology, paleo-environmental studies, and production art before turning to mystery and now speculative fiction writing. She has written four environmental mysteries featuring biologist Robyn Devara. Karen Dudley’s ingenuously original Food for the Gods (2012) and its sequel, Kraken Bake (2014), reinvent a classical hero, while bringing to life the crowded, throbbing streets of ancient Athens. Born in France, Karen now lives in Winnipeg.

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