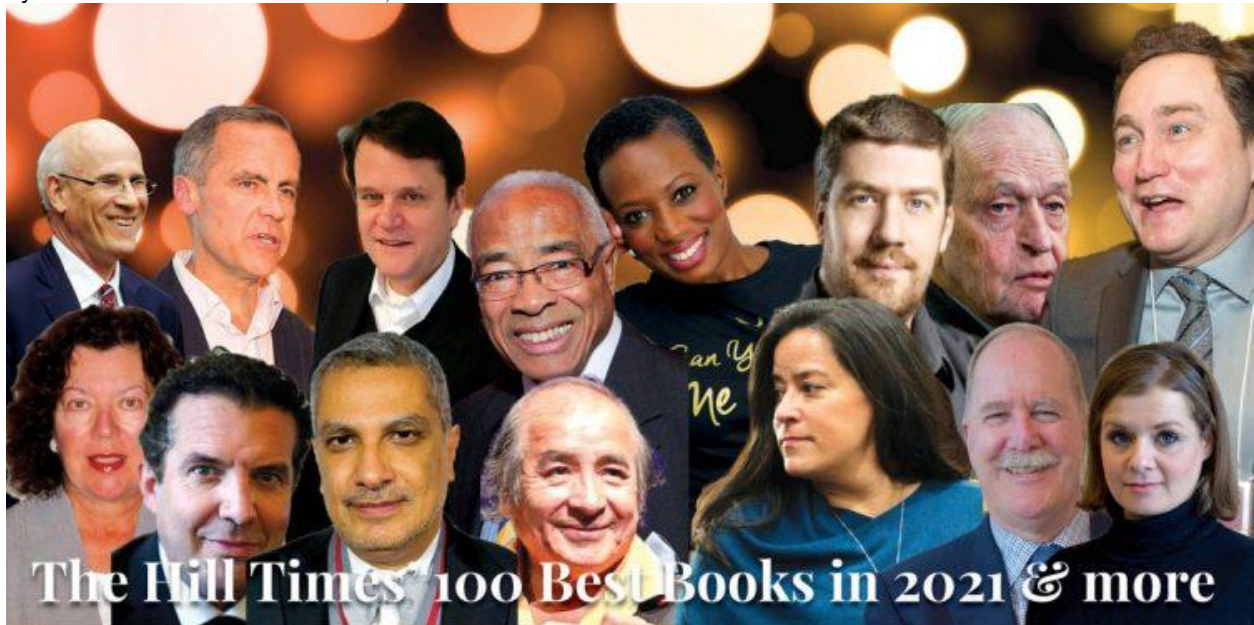


# The Hill Times' 100 Best Books in 2021

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This year's list of 100 best books includes an eclectic mix of books about Canadian politics, the machinery of government, Indigenous issues, anti-Black racism, public affairs, reconciliation, Canadian history, memoirs, national security, Canadian foreign policy, the pandemic, and much more. *Image compilation by Serena Masonde/photographs from The Hill Times files and handouts*

- 1. *Across Boundaries: Essays in Honour of Robert A. Young***, edited by André Blais, Cristine de Clercy, Anna Lennox Esselment and Ronald Wintrobe, McGill-Queen's University Press, 232 pp., \$34.95.
- 2. *A Liberal-Labour Lady: The Times and Life of Mary Ellen Spear Smith***, by Veronica Strong-Boag, UBC Press, 288 pp., \$89.95.
- 3. *A Long Way to Paradise: A New History of British Columbia Politics***, by Robert A.J. McDonald, UBC Press, 428 pp., \$39.95.
- 4. *A Matter of Equality: The Life's Work of a Senator***, by Don Oliver, Nimbus Publishing, 215 pp., \$29.95.
- 5. *An Embarrassment of Critch's***, by Mark Critch, Viking, Penguin Random House Canada, 224 pp., \$32.95.

**6. *Assisted Suicide in Canada: Moral, Legal, and Policy Considerations***, by Travis Dumsday, UBC Press, 208 pp., \$75.

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**7. *Behind Closed Doors: The Law and Politics of Cabinet Secrecy***, by Yan Campagnolo, UBC Press, 352 pp., \$89.95.

**8. *Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe***, by Dr. Bonnie Henry and Lynn Henry, Allen Lane Canada, 216 pp., \$19.95.

**9. *Beyond Rights: The Nisga'a Final Agreement and the Challenges of Modern Treaty Relationships***, by Carole Blackburn, UBC Press, 202 pp., \$89.95.

**10. *Big City Elections in Canada***, edited by Jack Lucas and R. Michael McGregor, University of Toronto Press, 280 pp., \$32.95.

**11. *Breaking Barriers, Shaping Worlds: Canadian Women and the Search for Global Order***, edited by Jill Campbell-Miller, Greg Donaghy, and Stacey Barker, UBC Press, 240 pp., \$89.95.

**12. *Breaking Through: Understanding Sovereignty and Security in the Circumpolar Arctic***, by Wilfrid Greaves and P. Whitney Lackenbauer, University of Toronto Press, 278 pp., \$16.48.

**13. *Call Me Indian***, by Fred Sasakamoose, Penguin Random House Viking Canada, 288 pp., \$32.

- 14. *Canada 1919: A Nation Shaped by War***, edited by Tim Cook and J.L. Granatstein, UBC Press, 338 pp., \$32.95.
- 15. *Canada as Statebuilder? Development and Reconstruction Efforts in Afghanistan***, by Benjamin Zyla and Laura Grant, McGill-Queen's University Press, 352 pp., \$39.95.
- 16. *Canada in NATO, 1949-2019***, by Joseph T. Jockel and Joel J. Sokolasky, McGill-Queen's University Press, 328 pp., \$42.95.
- 17. *Canada to Ireland: Poetry, Politics, and the Shaping of Canadian Nationalism, 1788-1900***, by Michele Holmgren, McGill-Queen's University Press, 258 pp., \$39.95.
- 18. *Canada's Holy Grail: Lord Stanley's Political Motivation to Donate the Stanley Cup***, by Jordan B. Goldstein, University of Toronto Press, 342 pp., \$24.71.
- 19. *Can You Hear Me Now: How I Found My Voice and Learned to Live with Passion and Purpose***, by Celina Caesar-Chavannes, Penguin Random House Canada, 280 pp., \$29.95.
- 20. *China Unbound: A New World Disorder***, by Joanna Chiu, House of Anansi Press, 304 pp., \$24.99.
- 21. *Coloniality and Racial (In)Justice in the University: Counting for Nothing?*** edited by Sunera Thobani, University of Toronto Press, 422 pp., \$26.95.
- 22. *Colour Matters: Essays on the Experiences, Education and Pursuits of Black Youth***, by Carl E. James, University of Toronto Press, 390 pp., \$39.95.
- 23. *Constant Struggle: Histories of Canadian Democratization***, edited by Julien Mauduit and Jennifer Tunnicliffe, McGill-Queen's University Press, 504 pp., \$39.95.
- 24. *Constitutional Pariah: Reference re Senate Reform and the Future of Parliament***, by Emmett Macfarlane, UBC Press, 198 pp., \$27.95.

**25. *Constitutional Politics in Multinational Democracies***, edited by André Lecours, Nikola Brassard-Dion, and Guy Laforest, McGill-Queen's University Press, 240 pp., \$37.95.

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**28. *Did You See Us? Reunion, Remembrance, and Reclamation at an Urban Indian Residential School***, by survivors of the Assiniboia Indian Residential School, edited by Andrew Woolford, University of Manitoba Press, \$24.95.

**29. *Disorientation: Being Black in the World***, by Ian Williams, Penguin Random House Canada, 216 pp., \$25.

**30. *Electing a Mega-Mayor: Toronto 2014***, by Michael McGregor, Aaron A. Moore, and Laura B. Stephenson, University of Toronto Press, 208 pp., \$24.71.

**31. *Federalism in Canada: Contested Concepts and Uneasy Balances***, by Thomas O. Hueglin, University of Toronto Press, 384 pp., \$54.95.

**32. *Fiscal Federalism in Multinational States: Autonomy, Equality, and Diversity***, edited by François Boucher and Alain Noël, McGill-Queen's University Press, 304 pp., \$37.95.

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- 36. *Health and Healthcare in Northern Canada***, edited by Rebecca Schiff and Helle Moller, University of Toronto Press, 450 pp., \$49.95.
- 37. *Indian in the Cabinet: Speaking Truth to Power***, by Jody Wilson-Raybould, Harper Collins Canada, 352 pp., \$34.99.
- 38. *Inequality in Canada: The History and Politics of an Idea***, by Eric W. Sager, McGill-Queen's University Press, 488 pp., \$37.95.
- 39. *Innovation in Real Places: Strategies for Prosperity in an Unforgiving World***, by Dan Breznitz, Oxford University Press, 288 pp., \$29.95.
- 40. *Joseph Roberts Smallwood: Masthead Newfoundlander 1900-1949***, by Melvin Baker and Peter Neary, McGill-Queen's University Press, 248 pp., \$34.95.
- 41. *Keeping Canada Running: Infrastructure and the Future of Governance in a Pandemic World***, by G. Bruce Doern, Christopher Stoney, and Robert Hilton, McGill-Queen's University Press, 442 pp., \$39.95.
- 42. *Life in the City of Dirty Water: A Memoir of Healing***, by Clayton Thomas-Müller, Allen Lane, 240 pp., \$22.95.
- 43. *Making and Breaking Settler Space: Five Centuries of Colonization in North America***, by Adam J. Barker, UBC Press, 312 pp., \$89.95.
- 44. *Mass Capture: Chinese Head Tax and the Making of Non-Citizens***, by Lily Cho, McGill-Queen's University Press, 272 pp., \$39.95.
- 45. *My Stories, My Times: Volume 2***, Random House Canada, by Jean Chrétien, 288 pp., \$34.95.

**46. *Muskrat Falls: How a Mega Dam Became a Predatory Formation***, edited by Lisa Moore and Stephen Crocker, Memorial University Press, 300 pp., \$27.95.

**47. *Neglected No More: The Urgent Need to Improve the Lives of Canada's Elders in the Wake of the Pandemic***, by André Picard, Penguin Random House Canada, 208 pp., \$19.95.

**48. *NISHGA***, by Jordan Abel, McClelland & Stewart, 288 pp., \$32.95.

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**50. *Off The Record***, by Peter Mansbridge, Simon & Schuster, 368 pp., \$29.99.

**51. *On Borrowed Time: North America's Next Big Quake***, by Gregor Craigie, Goose Lane, 248 pp., \$22.95.

**52. *Open Federalism Revisited: Regional and Federal Dynamics in the Harper Era***, by James Farney and Julie M. Simmons, University of Toronto Press, 358 pp., \$32.21.

**53. *On Property***, by Rinaldo Walcott, Biblioasis, 112 pp., \$14.95.

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**55. *Nothing But the Truth: A Memoir***, by Marie Henein, Signal, Penguin Random House Canada, 288 pp., \$32.95.

**56. *Pandemic Societies***, edited by Jean-Louis Denis, Catherine Régis and Daniel M. Weinstock, with Clara Champagne, McGill-Queen's University Press, 356 pp., \$34.95.

**57. *Pandemic Spotlight: Canadian Doctors at the Front of the COVID-19 Fight***, by Ian Hanomansing, Douglas & McIntyre, 256 pp., \$22.95.

**58. *Peyakow: Reclaiming Cree Dignity, A Memoir***, by Darrel J. McLeod, Douglas & McIntyre, \$22.95.

**59. *Permanent Astonishment: A Memoir***, by Tomson Highway, Doubleday Canada, Penguin Random House Canada, 344 pp., \$32.95.

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**61. *Return: Why We Go Back to Where We Come From***, by Kamal Al-Solaylee, HarperCollins Canada, 320 pp., \$32.99.

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**63. *Road to Redemption: The Liberal Party of Canada, 2006-2019***, by Brooke Jeffrey, University of Toronto Press, 336 pp., \$39.95.

**64. *Royally Wronged: The Royal Society of Canada and Indigenous Peoples***, edited by Constance Backhouse, Cynthia E. Milton, Margaret Kovach and Adele Perry, McGill-Queen's University Press, 336 pp., \$39.95.

**65. *Saga Boy: My Life of Blackness and Becoming***, by Antonio Michael Downing, Viking, Penguin Random House Canada, 344 pp., \$26.95.

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**77. *The Daily Plebiscite: Federalism, Nationalism, and Canada***, by David R. Cameron and edited by Robert C. Vipond, University of Toronto Press, 326 pp., \$29.95.

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**84. *The Laws and the Land: The Settler Colonial Invasion of Kahnawà:ke in Nineteenth-Century Canada***, by Daniel Rück, UBC Press, 336 pp., \$39.95.

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**91. *The Unconventional Nancy Ruth***, by Roman Lumpkin, 454 pp., Second Story Press, 285 pp., \$28.95.

**92. *Top Secret Canada: Understanding the Canadian Intelligence and National Security Community***, edited by Stephanie Carvin, Thomas Juneau, and Craig Forcese, University of Toronto Press, 328 pp., \$36.95.

**93. *Transformative Media: Intersectional Technopolitics from Indymedia to #BlackLivesMatter***, by Sandra Jeppesen, 312 pp., \$89.95.

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**100. *Women, Power and Political Representation: Canadian and Comparative Perspectives***, by Roosmarijn de Geus, Erin Tolley, Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant and Peter John Loewen, University of Toronto Press, 214 pp., \$14.98.

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