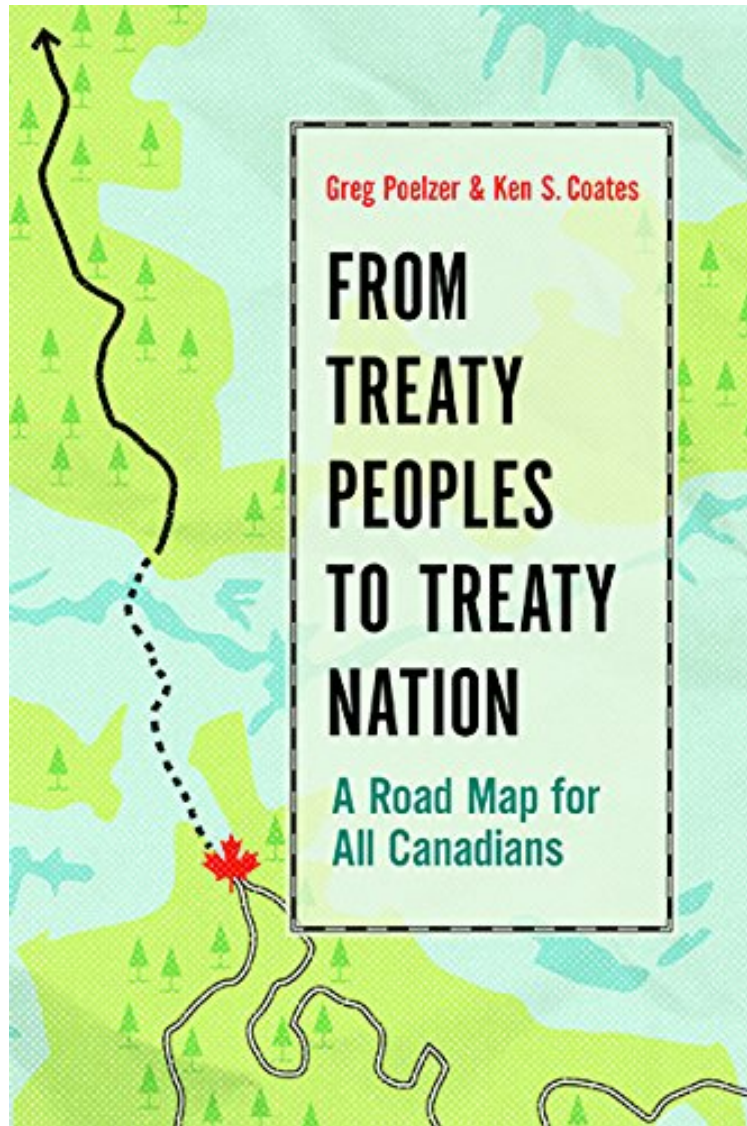


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Canada is a country founded on relationships and agreements between Indigenous people and newcomers. Although recent court cases have strengthened Aboriginal rights, the cooperative spirit of the treaties is being lost as Canadians engage in endless arguments about First Nations "issues." Greg Poelzer and Ken Coates breathe new life into these debates by looking at approaches that have failed and succeeded in the past and offering all Canadians from policy makers to concerned citizens realistic steps forward. The road ahead is clear: if all Canadians take up their responsibilities as treaty peoples, Canada will be a better place for all Canadians.

The book provides an excellent summary of the work of various Canadian Indigenous political scholars such as Kiera Ladner, Bonita Beaty, Dan Russell, John Borrows and Glenn Coulthard. The treaty theme runs throughout the book, with historical and contemporary examples. This allows the reader to understand the past but also facilitates awareness of the modern-day treaty process that is underway in some parts of Canada. (Cora Voyageur, professor of sociology at the University of Calgary, and member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Alberta Views, Vol. 19 No. 10 2016-12-01)The greatest value of this volume [is that] it seeks to force productive debate, not fruitless fingerpointing and rancor. Whether or not it succeeds in doing so for Canada remains to be seen. Whether the United States, including the many indigenous peoples in the Great Plains, takes notice and begins more meaningful discussions of Americans as Treaty Peoples and a Treaty Nation likewise remains unclear. As a region with strong indigenous history and presence, these are debates worth having on both sides of the border. (Brenden W. Rensink, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Brigham Young University Great Plains Research 2016-10-01) a welcome help to understanding ourselves as a nation and as individuals Greg Poelzer and Ken Coates offer an accessible primer to the many ways Canadas Indigenous peoples are retaking charge of their lives. (Jean Barman, 2015 recipient of the Governor Generals History Award for Scholarly Research Canadas History 2017-06-01)What is clear from this survey is that no consensus exists around how to improve Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relations. This sketch by Poelzer and Coates does, however, do more than provide the reader with a useful review of proposals aimed at solving the Indian problem in Canada; it allows the authors to situate their own approach within a very complex debate characterised by a diversity of opinions (both within the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal intellectual communities). From Treaty Peoples to Treaty Nations originality flows from its focus on the practical elements of these problems. By contrast, most other scholars approaches are philosophical, idealistic, and theoretical ... With the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canadas release of its Final Report earlier this year, Poelzer and Coates work could not be timelier. (Darius Boss Saskatchewan Law 2016-01-01)Canada is a country founded on relationships and agreements between Indigenous peoples and newcomers. Although recent court cases have upheld Aboriginal title rights, the cooperative spirit of the treaties is being lost as Canadians engage in endless arguments about First Nations issues. Each new court decision adds fuel to the debate raging between those who want to see an end to special Aboriginal rights and those who demand a return to Aboriginal sovereignty. Greg Poelzer and Ken Coates breathe new life into these debates by looking at approaches that have failed and succeeded in the past and offering all Canadians from policy makers to concerned citizens realistic steps forward. Rather than getting bogged down in debates on Aboriginal rights, they highlight Aboriginal success stories and redirect the conversation to a place of common ground. Upholding equality of economic opportunity as a guiding principle, they argue that the road ahead is clear: if all Canadians take up their responsibilities as treaty peoples, Canada will become a leader among treaty nations. "The most balanced and fair-minded treatment of Aboriginal issues in Canada that I have ever read."Jonathan Kay, editor-in-chief, Walrus"From Treaty Peoples to Treaty Nation tackles issues of vital importance to all Canadians. It is impressive in the breadth of the topics covered and the clarity of the discussion. It is a must-read for politicians, business leaders, Aboriginal citizens, academics, students, and average Canadians."Tom Molloy, OC, SOM, QC, Canada's pre-eminent land claims negotiator"Provocative, vigorous, and on every page interesting."Frances Abele, expert on federal northern policy and professor of public policy at Carleton University"This book is a major contribution to one of the most difficult issues facing the country. The magnitude of the task undertaken by the authors is remarkable. Their goal is to redefine Canada. They view contemporary Canada as an incomplete country because a rapprochement with Aboriginal Canadians has eluded us. The vehicle for its achievement, they argue, is the diffusion of the understanding that we are all treaty peoples. This book provides us with a coherent sense of direction."Alan Cairns, author of Citizens Plus: Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State"Poelzer and Coates have written a book that is not only a history primer on Aboriginal-colonial relations but a source document of leading-edge thinkers from both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal circles. Perhaps most importantly, it offers options for all of us who yearn for improved relationships and long-term reconciliation with Aboriginal people."Chuck Strahl, former minister of Indian and northern affairs"This timely and thought-provoking book is a welcome addition to ongoing conversations about how best to achieve reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples and complete the unfinished work of federalism. Poelzer and Coates juxtapose (and often challenge) divergent and conflicting academic perspectives on Aboriginal and treaty rights, make a compelling case for pragmatism, and chart a course of action by citing numerous examples of Indigenous success stories and the need to understand and build on them."Jody Wilson-Raybould, regional chief, BC Assembly of First NationsAbout the AuthorGreg Poelzer is the founding director and executive chair of the International Centre for

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