

## Book of the Month

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Every month, CMSS will show case a book pertaining to military and strategic studies written by members of the CMSS' community.

### JUNE 2008

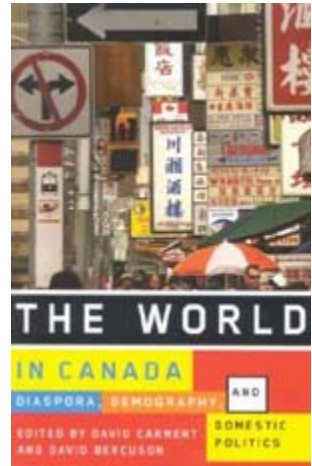
*The World in Canada: Diaspora, Demography, and Domestic Politics* (Hardcover) By David Carment (Editor), David Bercuson (Editor). McGill-Queen's University Press, April 30, 2008. ISBN: 077353296X.

#### Book Description

Just as Canada is increasingly at home in the world, the world is increasingly finding a home in Canada. The *World in Canada* confronts three questions: What are the implications of the dramatic and sustained shift in the Canadian ethnic mosaic for foreign policy? In what ways do diasporas influence Canadian foreign policy? What impact will and should Canada's demographic changes have on Canadian foreign policy in the long term? In response to these questions, contributors trace changes in Canada's demographic make-up, explore the relationship between domestic politics and Canadian foreign policy across the fields of diplomacy, development, defense and security, and immigration, and determine the extent to which Quebec's sensibilities to international issues differ from those of the rest of the country. *The World in Canada* argues that, under certain conditions, the motivation to pursue certain policy choices arises as much from domestic considerations as from the international conditions associated with them. Contributors include Adam Chapnick (Toronto), Elizabeth Riddell-Dixon (Western), J.L. Granatstein (York), David G. Haglund (Queen's), Sami Aoun (Sherbrooke), Christian Leuprecht (RMC), Todd Hataley (Queen's), Evan Potter (Ottawa), Nelson Michaud (ENAP), Stéphane Roussel (UQAM), and Charles-Alexandre Theoret (UQAM).

#### About the Author

David Carment is professor of international affairs, Carleton University. David Bercuson is director, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary.



### MAY 2008

Metikosh, Anne *Chance*, NeWest Press, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, March 2008. ISBN 978-1-897126-20-2.

#### Book Description

Dragan was a Yugoslav peasant who flirted with the ideals of Communism and aspired to become a teacher. Instead, he became a slave in a German labour camp. Galina was an only child growing up in the harsh reality of Stalinist Russia. She survived the siege of Leningrad only to be exiled and enslaved in her turn. *Chance* is the true story of two ordinary people who lived in extraordinary times. Displaced by war and the vagaries of politics, Dragan and Galina met and married in the chaos that followed the conflict. For them, survival was not a question of heroes and victims but simply a matter of chance.

#### About the Author

Anne Metikosh was born in Montreal and raised in Toronto. After living in Halifax and Yellowknife, she made her home in Calgary, Alberta, where she still lives with her family. The author of numerous articles and short stories, Metikosh has published a young adult fiction title, *Terra Incognita*, and a mystery novel, *Undercurrent*.



### APRIL 2008

Dawson, Grant, *Here is Hell: Canada's Engagement in Somalia*. University of British Columbia Press, 2007.

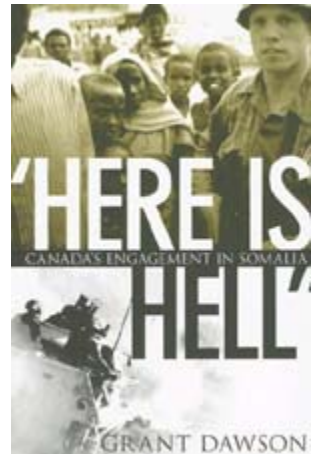
For many Canadians, events during the mission to Somalia in the early 1990s remain a stain on our reputation as one of the world's most respected peacekeeping nations. Grant Dawson's analysis of political, diplomatic, and military decision making avoids a narrow focus on the shocking offences of a few Canadian soldiers, deftly investigating the broader context of the deployment.

Dawson draws on interviews with key participants and documents made available under the Access to Information Act. He shows how media pressure, government optimism about the United Nations, and the Canadian traditions of multilateralism and peacekeeping all helped to determine the level, length, and tenor of the country's operations in Somalia. His findings will undoubtedly play a seminal role in informing scholarly debate about this important period in Canadian diplomacy and military engagement.

One of the first scholarly examinations of the Somalia operation, "Here Is Hell" will interest military and Canadian historians, policy analysts, political scientists, and those concerned with Canadian foreign, defense, and diplomatic history. It will undoubtedly play a seminal role in informing further scholarly debate on this important period in Canada's military and diplomatic past.

#### About the Author

Grant Dawson has worked as a committee analyst at the Library of Parliament and as a postdoctoral fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University. He teaches political science at Carleton and history at the University of Ottawa.



### MARCH 2008

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Chastko, Paul, *Developing Alberta's Oil Sands, From Karl Clark to Kyoto*. University of Calgary Press, 2004.

Alberta's oil sands represent a vast and untapped oil reserve that could reasonably supply all of Canada's energy needs for the next 475 years. With an estimated 300 billion barrels of recoverable oil at stake, the quest to develop this natural resource has been undertaken by many powerful actors, both nationally and internationally. Using research that integrates the economic, political, scientific, and business factors that have been influential in discovering and developing the sands, this book provides a comprehensive history of the oil sands project and a window on the nature of the complex relationships between industry, government, and transnational players. This book is the first comprehensive volume that examines the origins and development of the oil sands industry over the last century.



## FEBRUARY 2008

In a world that will remain a dangerous place for the foreseeable future, Canadians cannot take their security for granted. Recent investments in the Canadian Forces and in other security instruments are steps in the right direction, but much of their impact has been nullified by current operations in Afghanistan. Given the many security threats that Canadians (with others) will continue to face both at home and abroad, a great deal still needs to be done.

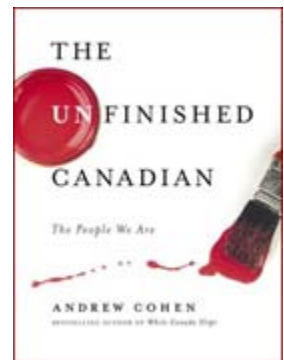
Canada's long-range national security needs identified in new report co-sponsored by CMSS and prepared for the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute: "**A Threatened Future: Canada's Future Strategic Environment and Its Security Implications.**" Three senior scholars authored the report: Toronto historian Jack Granatstein; Halifax political scientist Denis Stairs; and, former deputy minister of Foreign Affairs Gordon Smith. For more information, visit: [www.cdfai.org](http://www.cdfai.org).



## JANUARY 2008

Cohen, Andrew. *The Unfinished Canadian: The People We Are*.  
 Publisher: McClelland & Stewart, May 8, 2007, ISBN: 978-0-7710-2181-7.

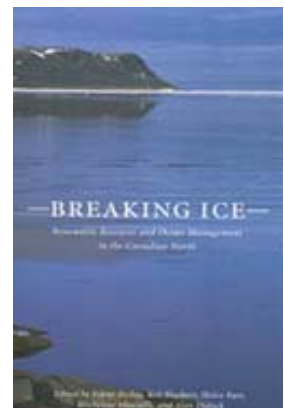
In *The Unfinished Canadian*, Andrew Cohen delves into our past and present in search of our defining national characteristics. He questions hoary shibboleths, soothing mythologies, and old saws with irreverence, humour, and flintiness, unencumbered by our proverbial politeness (itself a great misperception) and our suffocating political correctness. We are so much, in so many shades, and it's time we took an honest look at ourselves. In this provocative, passionate, and elegant book, Cohen argues that our mythology, our jealousy, our complacency, our apathy, our amnesia, and our moderation are all part of the unbearable lightness of being Canadian.



## DECEMBER 2007

*Breaking Ice: Renewable Resource and Ocean management in the Canadian North*. (Edited by Fikret Berkes, Rob Huebert, Helen Fast, Micheline Manseau, and Alan Diduck. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2005.)

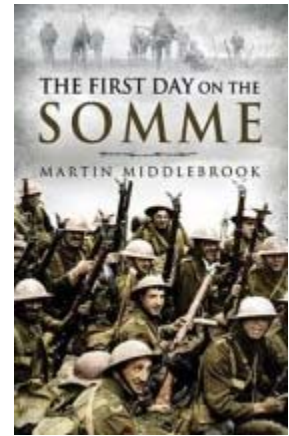
The pace of technological, social, and environmental change in Canada's Arctic has profound effects on resource management and policy decisions. The chapters in this volume result from a project undertaken by the Ocean Management Research Network that examines the nature of Arctic environmental evolution and sustainability. From the pressures of development, technological advances, globalization and climate change to social and cultural life, this book attempts to define the nature of competing demands and assess their impact on the environment. These essays provide a detailed examination of ocean and coastal management in the Canadian North, exploring a wide range of issues critical to environmental stewardship, and breaking the ice to connect academics, government managers, policy-makers, aboriginal groups and industry.



## NOVEMBER 2007

This month's book is by **Martin Middlebrook**, *The First Day on the Somme*.

On the morning of July 1, 1916, a continuous line of British soldiers climbed out of their trenches and began to walk slowly towards the German lines. Many of them believed that the enemy positions had already been destroyed in the previous artillery bombardment. By the end of the day, the British had suffered 60,000 casualties—one for every eighteen inches of the front. Eminent military historian Martin Middlebrook has drawn on official sources, local newspapers, autobiographies, novels, and poems to write this book and, above all, on the recollections of hundreds of survivors who contribute to a brilliant, horrifying, and intensely moving portrait of war on the front line.



## OCTOBER 2007

This month's book is by **J. L. Granatstein**, *Whose War Is It. How Canada Can Survive in the Post-9/11 World*.

What if a major earthquake devastated the west coast of North America, killing thousands of people, flattening entire cities and fracturing the economy? How would the Canadian government address the crisis when many of our already weakened forces are deployed in Kandahar or in supporting roles? Or suppose terrorists attacked the Toronto subway system during a convention of Canadian and American emergency-room physicians? Would our military have the manpower, equipment and technical resources to protect our citizens and visitors?

Granatstein says never mind hypothetical-and completely probable-threats; our military is incapable of dealing with current and ongoing crises that require well-trained, well-equipped and properly deployed troops, supported by a confident military policy. He argues that Canadians' once-vaunted role of peacekeeping is no longer relevant in a post-9/11 world, since recent missions, from Somalia to Kosovo to Afghanistan, are akin to war. Granatstein also takes Canadian attitudes to task, criticizing our increasing reluctance to support a military presence in countries such as Afghanistan.

