Trans Activism in Canada
A Reader
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The first of its kind, this forthcoming anthology brings together activists and allies to examine and interrogate the various strategies and forms of resistance needed to transform oppression into opportunity for change. Reflecting upon the challenges trans communities face and offering insight into achieving institutional reform, Trans Activism in Canada uses engaging narrative, archival material, and qualitative research, as well as case- and community-based research, to demonstrate the leading role of trans and two-spirit activists in generating social transformation. This inspiring collection seeks to strengthen existing trans activism and provoke critical questions and discussions that will inspire new directions of advocacy among students in trans studies or LGBTQI2S courses.

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“This is a supremely useful book: a document of what has been accomplished, an encyclopedia of what’s happening now, a who’s who of activism, and a road map to the future as we bend the long arc of the universe toward justice for trans people.”
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