

# List of Nominations

We received over 180 nominations for eligible books. We've divided them into categories so you can search under subject matter for your next read.

## Big Ideas

These books are mainly writers' visions for Canada and many make important policy suggestions.

- *A Fair Country: Telling Truths about Canada* by John Ralston Saul
- *Against Reform* by John Pepall
- *Arrival City: The Final Migration and Our Next World* by Doug Saunders
- *At Home in the World: Canada's Global Vision for the 21st Century* by Jennifer Welsh
- *Aux pays des merveilles: Essai sur les mythes politiques québécois* by André Pratte
- *Becoming Canada: Our Story, Our Politics, Our Future* by Ken Dryden
- *Beyond the Bubble: Imagining a New Canadian Economy* by James Laxer
- *Blood and Belonging* by Michael Ignatieff
- *Canada: Is Anyone Listening?* by Rafe Mair
- *Citizens Plus: Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State* by Alan Cairns
- *Constitutional Odyssey: Can Canadians Become a Sovereign People?* by Peter Russell
- *Dances With Dependency: Out of Poverty Through Self-Reliance* by Calvin Helin
- *Disrobing the Aboriginal Industry: The Deception Behind Indigenous Cultural Preservation* by Frances Widdowson and Sir Albert Howard
- ***Doing the Continental: A New Canadian-American Relationship* by David Dymont**
- *Down the Road Never Travelled* by Brigitte Pellerin
- *Ethical Oil: The Case For Canada's Oil Sands* by Ezra Levant
- *Exporting Democracy: The Risks and Rewards of Pursuing a Good Idea* by Bob Rae
- *Fearful Symmetry: The Fall and Rise of Canada's Founding Values* by Brian Lee Crowley
- *First Nations? Second Thoughts* by Tom Flanagan
- *Game Theory and Canadian Politics* by Tom Flanagan
- *Globalization and the Meaning of Canadian Life* by William Watson
- *Governing from the Centre: The Concentration of Power in Canadian Politics* by Donald J. Savoie
- *Holding the Bully's Coat: Canada and the U.S. Empire* by Linda McQuaig
- *Journeying Forward: Dreaming First Nations' Independence* by Patricia Monture-Angus
- *Just Trust Us* by Patrick Boyer
- *Long Shadows: Truth, Lies and History* by Erna Paris
- *Losing Confidence: Power, Politics and the Crisis in Canadian Democracy* by Elizabeth May
- *MacroWikinomics: Rebooting Business and the World* by Don Tapscott
- *Nationalism Without Walls: The Unbearable Lightness of Being Canadian* by Richard Gwyn
- *One Hundred Monkeys: The Triumph of Popular Wisdom in Canadian Politics* by Robert Mason Lee
- *Peace, Power, Righteousness: An Indigenous Manifesto* by Taiaiake Alfred
- *Policy and Politics in Canada: Institutionalized Ambivalence* by Carolyn Tuohy
- *Power Shift: From Party Elites to Informed Citizens* by Vaughan Lyon
- *Rants, Raves and Recollections* by Rafe Mair
- *Reconquering Canada: Quebec Federalists Speak Up for Change* edited by André Pratte
- *Scheming Virtuously: The Road to Collaborative Government* by Gilles Paquet
- *Shakedown: How Our Government Is Undermining Democracy in the Name of Human Rights* by Ezra Levant
- *Shooting the Hippo: Deaths by Deficit and other Canadian Myths* by Linda McQuaig
- *Shoving Tough Problems* by Adam Kahane
- *Sorry, I Dont Speak French: Confronting the Canadian Crisis that Won't Go Away* by Graham Fraser
- *Spin Wars* by Bill Fox
- *Still Ranting: More Rants, Raves and Recollections* by Rafe Mair
- *Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent* by Andrew Nikiforuk
- *The Canadian Century: Out of America's Shadow* by Brian Lee Crowley
- *The Decline of Deference: Canadian Value Change in Cross National Perspective* by Neil Nevitte
- *The Efficient Society: Why Canada Is As Close To Utopia As It Gets* by Joseph Heath
- *The Lesser Evil* by Michael Ignatieff
- *The New Canada* by Preston Manning
- *The Once and Future Canadian Democracy: An Essay in Political Thought* by Janet Aizenstat
- *The People's Mandate: Referendums and a More Democratic Canada* by Patrick Boyer
- *The Polite Revolution: Perfecting the Canadian Dream* by John Ibbitson
- *The Return of the State: Protestors, Power-Brokers and the New Global Compromise* by Adam Harmes
- *The Rights Revolution* by Michael Ignatieff
- *The Three Questions: Prosperity and the Public Good* by Bob Rae
- *The Trouble With Canada* by William D. Gairdner
- *The Trouble With Canada...Still!: A Canadian Speaks Out* by William D. Gairdner
- *The Truth About Canada: Some Important, Some Astonishing, And Some Truly Appalling Things All Canadians Should Know About Our Country* by Mel Hurtig
- *The Unconscious Civilization* by John Ralston Saul
- *The Unfinished Canadian: The People We Are* by Andrew Cohen
- *Towards a Just Society: The Trudeau Years* edited by Thomas S. Axworthy and Pierre Elliot Trudeau
- *Transforming Power: From the Personal to the Political* by Judy Rebick
- *Urban Nation: Why We Need to Give Power Back to the Cities to Make Canada Strong* by Alan Broadbent
- *Watchdogs and Gadflies: Activism from Marginal to Mainstream* by Tim Falconer
- *We Were Not the Savages: First Nations History: Collision Between European and Native American Civilizations* by Daniel Paul
- *What the Bleep is Going on Here?* by Rafe Mair
- *While Canada Slept: How We Lost Our Place in the World* by Andrew Cohen
- *Who Killed the Canadian Military?* by J.L. Granatstein

## Political Biographies

This category leans more heavily to biography than autobiography. Most of the books on this list were penned by journalists and written about prime ministers.

- *A Great Restlessness: The Life and Politics of Dorise Nielsen* by Faith Johnston
- *A Measure of Defiance*, by Mike Harcourt
- *One Soldier First: Bullets, Bureaucrats and the Politics of War* by Rick Hillier
- *An Honourable Calling: Political Memoirs* by Allan Blakeney
- *Attendez que je me rappelle* by René Lévesque
- *Bennett: The Rebel Who Challenged and Changed a Nation* by John Boyko
- *Chrétien: The Will to Win* by Lawrence Martin
- *Citizen of the World: The Life of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Volume I: 1919-1968* by John English
- *Dream No Little Dreams: A Biography of the Douglas Government of Saskatchewan, 1944-1961* by A.W. Johnson
- *Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson* by Andrew Cohen
- *Extraordinary Canadians: Lord Beaverbrook* by David Adams Richards
- *Extraordinary Canadians: Louis-Hippolyte LaFontaine and Robert Baldwin* by John Ralston Saul
- *Extraordinary Canadians: Wilfrid Laurier* by André Pratte
- *Just Watch Me: Stephen Harper's Blind Date with Quebec* by Chantal Hébert
- *Gouverner le Québec* by Robert Bourassa
- *Jean Chrétien: A Legacy of Scandal* by Paul Tuns
- *Juggernaut: Paul Martin's Campaign for Chrétien's Crown* by Susan Delacourt
- *Just Watch Me: The Life of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Volume II: 1968-2000* by John English
- *Le naufrageur: Robert Bourassa et les Québécois* by Jean-François Lisée
- *Louis Riel: A Comic Strip Biography* by Chester Brown
- *Memoirs by René Lévesque's* translated by Philip Stratford
- *Memoirs: 1939-1993* by Brian Mulroney
- *No Holds Barred: My Life in Politics* by John Crosbie with Geoffrey Stevens
- *Not Without Cause: David Peterson's Fall from Grace* by Georgette Gagnon and Dan Rath
- *On the Take: Crime, Corruption and Greed in the Mulroney Years* by Stevie Cameron
- *Public Triumph, Private Tragedy: The Double Life of John P. Roberts* by Steve Paikin
- *René Lévesque and the Parti Québécois in Power* by Graham Fraser
- *Riel: A Life of Revolution* by Maggie Siggins
- *Rogue in Power: Why Stephen Harper is Remaking Canada* by Stealth by Christian Nadeau
- *Sheeple: Caucus Confidential in Stephen Harper's Ottawa* by Garth Turner
- *Speaking For Myself: Politics and other Pursuits* by Duff Roblin
- *Stephen Harper and the Future of Canada* by William Johnson
- *Straight from the Heart: From Shawinigan to Sussex Drive-The Classic Story of How it All Began* by Jean Chrétien with Ron Graham
- *The Player: The Life & Times of Dalton Camp* by Geoffrey Stevens
- *The Prime Ministers of Canada* by Gordon Donaldson
- *The Rainmaker: A Passion for Politics* by Keith Davey
- *The Right Fight: Bernard Lord and the Conservative Dilemma* by Jacques Poitras
- *The Secret Mulroney Tapes: Unguarded Confessions of a Prime Minister* by Peter C. Newman
- *The Truth Shows Up: A Reporter's Fifteen-Year Odyssey Tracking Down the Truth About Mulroney, Schreiber and the Airbus Scandal* by Harvey Cashore
- *The Washington Diaries: 1981-1989* by Allan Gotlieb
- *The Worldly Years: Life of Lester Pearson 1949-1972* by John English
- *Think Big: My Life in Politics* by Preston Manning
- *To Make a Difference: A Memoir* by Ian Scott
- *Trudeau and Our Times: Volume I: The Magnificent Obsession* by Stephen Clarkson and Christina McCall
- *Trudeau and Our Times: Volume II: The Heroic Delusion* by Stephen Clarkson and Christina McCall
- *Trudeau's Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Pierre Elliott Trudeau* co-edited by Andrew Cohen and Jack Granatstein
- *Yankee Doodle Dandy: Brian Mulroney and the American Agenda* by Marci McDonald
- *Young Trudeau: 1919-1944: Son of Quebec, Father of Canada* by Max and Monique Nemni
- *Here Be Dragons: Telling Tales of People, Passion and Power* by Peter C. Newman

## Political Parties and Institutions

These are largely about political parties or the dynamics of a political party and its leader's ascent to (or descent from) power.

- *Blue Thunder: The Truth About Conservatives From Macdonald to Harper* by Bob Plamondon
- *Canadian Politics Unplugged* by Eric Nichol and Peter Whalley
- *Double Vision: The Inside Story of the Liberals in Power* by Edward Greenspon and Anthony Wilson-Smith
- *Full Circle: Death and Resurrection in Canadian Conservative Politics* by Bob Plamondon
- *Harperland: The Politics of Control* by Lawrence Martin
- *Harper's Team: Behind the Scenes in the Conservative Rise to Power* by Tom Flanagan
- *How We Almost Gave the Tories the Boot: The Inside Story Behind the Coalition* by Brian Topp
- *Kicking Ass in Canadian Politics* by Warren Kinsella
- *Left Out: Saskatchewan's NDP and the Relentless Pursuit of Mediocrity* by John Gormley
- *Local Motion: The Art of Civic Engagement in Toronto* by Dave Meslin
- *Losing Control: Canada's Social Conservatives in the Age of Rights* by Tom Warner
- *One Big Party: To Keep Canada Independent* by Paul Hellyer
- *Out of the Blue: The Fall of the Tory Dynasty in Ontario* by Rosemary Speirs
- *Rebuilding Canadian Party Politics* by R. Kenneth Carty, William Cross and Lisa Young
- *Rescuing Canada's Right: Blueprint for a Conservative Revolution* by Tasha Kheiriddin and Adam Daifallah
- *Tales From the Back Room: Memories of a Political Insider* by Michael Decker
- *The Armageddon Factor: The Rise of Christian Nationalism in Canada* by Marci McDonald
- *The Dark Side: The Personal Price of a Political Life* by Steve Paikin
- *The Discipline of Power: The Conservative Interlude and the Liberal Restoration* by Jeffrey Simpson
- *The Government and Politics of Ontario* by Graham White
- *The Life: The Seductive Call of Politics* by Steve Paikin
- *The Long Road Back: The Conservative Journey: 1993-2007* by Hugh Segal
- *The Newsmakers: The Media's Influence on Canadian Politics* by David Taras
- *The Right Balance: Canada's Conservative Tradition* by Hugh Segal
- *The Way it Works: Inside Ottawa* by Eddie Goldenberg
- *Turning Points: The Campaigns that Changed Canada* by Ray Argyle
- *Two Cheers for Minority Government: The Evolution of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy* by Peter Russell
- *Women, Power, Politics: The Hidden Story of Canada's Unfinished Democracy* by Sylvia Bashevkin

## Political Fiction

As few have written fictional accounts of Canadian political life, this list is short, but it includes some great reads nonetheless.

- *King John of Canada* by Scott Gardiner
- *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis
- *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams* by Wayne Johnston
- *The High Road* by Terry Fallis

## History

These books bring Canada's political history vividly to life.

- *1867: How the Fathers Made A Deal* by Christopher Moore
- *A Deal Undone: The Making and Breaking of the Meech Lake Accord* by Andrew Cohen
- *A National Crime: The Canadian Government and the Residential School System* by John S. Milloy
- *All the King's Horses: Politics Among the Ruins* by Ron Graham
- *Bastards and Boneheads: Canada's Glorious Leaders' Past and Present* by Will Ferguson
- *Canada: A Portrait in Letters: 1800-2000* by Charlotte Gray
- *Canada's Founding Debates* edited by Janet Aizenstat, Paul Romney, Ian Gentles, and William D. Gairdner
- *Canadian Politics, 5th Edition* by James Bickerton and Alain G. Gagnon
- *Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches* by Rand Dyck
- *Champlain's Dream: The Visionary Adventurer Who Made a New World in Canada* by David Hackett Fischer
- *Conventional Choices: Maritime Leadership Politics* by Ian Stewart and David Stewart
- *Court Government and the Collapse of Accountability in Canada and the United Kingdom* by Donald J. Savoie
- *Deadlock in Korea: Canadians at War, 1950-1953* by Ted Barris
- *Dynasties and Interludes: Past and Present in Canadian Electoral Politics* by Lawrence LeDuc, Jon H. Pammett, Judith I. McKenzie and André Turcotte
- *Empire to Umpire: Canada and the World to the 1990s* by J. L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer
- *Fights of Our Lives: Leadership, Leadership and the Making of Ian Donald Duffy*
- *From Bourassa to Bourassa: Wilderness to Restoration* by L.Ian MacDonald
- *Gatekeepers: Reshaping Immigrant Lives in Cold War Canada* by Franca Iacovetta
- *Gendered States: Women, Unemployment Insurance, and the Political Economy of the Welfare State in Canada, 1945-1997* by Ann Porter
- *Imperialist Canada* by Todd Gordon
- *John A.: The Man Who Made Us: The Life and Times of John A. Macdonald, Volume I* by Richard Guynn
- *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta* by Aritha van Herk
- *Conceiving Canada: The Struggle for National Unity* by Kenneth McRoberts
- *Mr. Smith goes to Ottawa: Life in the House of Commons* by David Docherty
- *My Union, My Life* by Jean-Claude Parrot and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- *One-Eyed Kings: Promise & Illusion in Canadian Politics* by Ron Graham
- *Out of the Depths: The Experiences of Mi'kmaw Children at the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia* by Isabelle Knockwood
- *Parliamentary Democracy in Crisis* edited by Peter H. Russell and Lorne Sossin
- *Patriot Game: Canada and the Canadian Question Revisited* by Peter Brimelow
- *Pearson's Prize: Canada and the Suez Crisis* by John Melady
- *Perspectives of Cuba: Canadian and American Policies in Comparative Perspective* by Lana Wylie
- *Reasoning Otherwise Leftists and the People's Enlightenment in Canada, 1890-1920* by Ian McKay
- *Rebels, Reds, Radicals: Rethinking Canada's Left History* by Ian McKay
- *Reflections of a Siamese Twin: Canada at the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century* by John Ralston Saul
- *Right Honourable Men: The Descent of Canadian Politics from Macdonald to Chrétien* by Micheal Bliss
- *Right Side Up: The Fall of Paul Martin and the Rise of Stephen Harper's New Conservatism* by Paul Wells
- *Sacré Blues: An Unsentimental Journey Through Quebec* by Taras Grescoe
- *Scratching the Surface: The Prime Ministers and the Media* by Allan Levine
- "Search Out the Land: The Jews and the Growth of Equality in
- *British Colonial America, 1740-1867* by Sheldon Godfrey and Judith Godfrey"
- *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda* by Romeo Dallaire
- *Slumming It at the Rodeo: The Cultural Roots of Canada's Right-Wing Revolution* by Gordon Laird
- *The Canadian Federalist Experiment: From Defiant Monarchy to Reluctant Republic* by Frederick Vaughan
- *The Canadian Founding: John Locke and Parliament* by Janet Aizenstat
- *The Fight for Canada: 400 Years of Resistance to American Expansion* by David Orchard
- *The Last Spike: The Great Railway, 1881-1885* by Pierre Berton
- *The Parliament of Canada* by C.E.S. Franks