

REVIEWS OF  
CURRENT BOOKS  
AND LITERATURE



## Editor's Introduction

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In this issue we present a review of one book that examines the emergence and evolution of an Aboriginal political organization in mid-twentieth century Canada.

In *The Indian Association of Alberta: A History of Political Action*, Laurie Meijer Drees addresses issues associated with Aboriginal political organizing in Alberta that to date have gone largely unanswered. For example, what were the ideas that drove young Aboriginal leaders to form political organizations, how did the IAA work within the confines of the Indian Act system, and was cooperation and accommodation viewed by IAA leaders as a necessary evil or were organizational motivations more dynamic and complex?

This is a provocative book that while answering a range of questions also begs for more research to better define the scope of Aboriginal organizing in the twentieth century and how it has come to influence Canadian politics.