

Ray, Arthur J. *Indians in the Fur Trade: Their Role as Hunters, Trappers and Middlemen in the Lands Southwest of Hudson Bay, 1660–1870* (1974). With a new introduction; Toronto: University of Toronto Press 1996 (KM)

Highly respected by scholars for its innovative approach to Native history when it first appeared in 1974, the 1996 edition still carries fresh and insightful views today with a new introduction that provides a research guideline and thematic discussion on fur trade history in Canada. The discussion covers a wide range of issues related to European contact, with an emphasis on the view that economic necessity was the determining factor structuring the various ways Native people reacted to Canada's most influential industry from 1660 and 1870.

Tough, Frank. *'As Their Natural Resources Fail': Native Peoples and the Economic History of Northern Manitoba, 1870–1930*. Vancouver: UBC Press 1996 (KM)

Using the staple thesis of Harold A. Innis, the World System analysis of Immanuel Wallerstein and the economic interpretation of Native history by Arthur J. Ray, Tough's regional economic history traces the transition of fragmented pre-1870 regional economies within the region into a more tightly integrated and larger-scale industrial economy. Tough finds that changes in Native society after 1870 corresponded with the economic needs of the people rather than political ones. His well-crafted case studies of the region, with an emphasis on the roles of the Natives and the Métis, will provide a useful example for those interested in regionally focused studies. *CHR* 78, 2 (1997): 339–41.

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