This issue we present reviews of three books that address two themes that are at the heart of aboriginal economic development strategies: urban poverty and aboriginal government.

In *Solutions That Work: Fighting Poverty in Winnipeg* (Jim Silver, Editor, Fernwood Press, 2000), the authors argue that addressing poverty is a complex issue: local initiatives alone cannot adequately address the issue. One needs a broad coalition of community groups and organizations that can provide a strong political voice for local concerns and to carry out local initiatives. This strong political voice also needs an activist government that listens and invests in local community effort as well as creating a policy environment conducive to local initiative.

retired political science professor, coined the term Citizen’s plus to characterize the position of Indians within Canadian society while a researcher on the Hawthorne Report in the mid 1960’s. Flanagan, also a political scientist, writes of the Aboriginal orthodoxy which he claims underlies contemporary Aboriginal public policy. Both present provocative ideas that need much debate and discussion. We invite you to join it.