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Friends, Foes, and Furs

George Nelson's Lake Winnipeg Journals, 1804-1822

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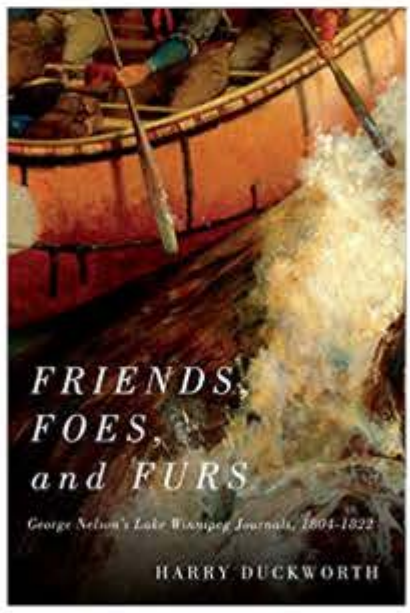

George Nelson (1786-1859) was a clerk for the North West Company whose unusually detailed and personal writings provide a compelling portrait of the people engaged in the golden age of the Canadian fur trade.

Friends, Foes, and Furs is a critical edition of Nelson's daily journals, supplemented with exciting anecdotes from his "Reminiscences," which were written after his retirement to Lower Canada. An introduction and annotations by **Harry Duckworth** place Nelson's material securely within the established body of fur trade history. A keen and respectful observer, Nelson recorded in his daily journals not only the minutiae of his work, but also details about the lives of voyageurs, the Ojibwe and Swampy Cree communities, and others involved in the fur trade. His insights uncover an extraordinary view of the Lake Winnipeg region in the period just prior to European settlement.

Harry W. Duckworth is a retired professor of chemistry at the University of Manitoba and editor of *The English River Book: A North West Company Journal and Account Book of 1786*.

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