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This collection comprises 10 contemporary case studies based on recent research carried out in the common law jurisdictions of Australia, Canada and New Zealand. The collection is an important contribution to international debate surrounding indigenous people's rights, and the significance of treaties and agreement-making, with an emphasis on location-specific analysis of modern agreement-making practices and negotiations in those countries.

The volume is intended to build upon previous work contained in the collection *Honour Among Nations? Treaties and Agreements with Indigenous People* (Melbourne University Press, 2004). The research is also complemented by the online, Agreements, Treaties and Negotiating Settlements Database (<www.atns.net.au>) which the editors established in 2003 as a part of their broader indigenous treaties and agreements research.

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