Clearing The Plains: Disease, Politics Of Starvation, And The Loss Of Aboriginal Life
Synopsis

"Clearing the Plains is a tour de force that dismantles and destroys the view that Canada has a special claim to humanity in its treatment of indigenous peoples. Daschuk shows how infectious disease and state-supported starvation combined to create a creeping, relentless catastrophe that persists to the present day. The prose is gripping, the analysis is incisive, and the narrative is so chilling that it leaves its reader stunned and disturbed. For days after reading it, I was unable to shake a profound sense of sorrow. This is fearless, evidence-driven history at its finest." - Elizabeth A. Fenn, author of Pox Americana

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This is the history that was deliberately suppressed. I grew up on Regina Sask. I was taught nothing about the use of food to drive starving Indians onto reserves in the mid-north of Saskatchewan.
This horror led to the next one; Residential Schools

As one who has looked at aboriginals with less than love for many years. This book has helped me to understand why our relationship with aboriginals has developed as it did. I now look at aboriginals with a whole new understanding of what they have come through and feel their pain. Thank you James Daschuk.

Only bout half way reading it all, but is very interesting. Being a SW pueblo Indian, we had our own
kind of problems (to say the least) with the non-Indians in our area..and still yet.

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