

## *Canada Under Attack – An Introduction*

*Canada Under Attack* is an important book, not just for people who have previously been interested in modern Canadian history, military history, or international politics – but also for anyone who cares at all about the future of our country. It's about the dismantling of the Canadian Forces through neglect, ineptitude, and deception. It's about how successive Canadian governments have cut corners, gone back on promises, and unnecessarily wasted millions of dollars, endangering the lives and the freedoms of Canadians, and destroying our military capacity abroad.

In *Canada Under Attack*, M. Paul Cook also outlines the motives and consequences of this dismantling. He points out how the politically unimportant West has been hit especially hard by these cuts. He outlines how Canada's disaster response is hindered domestically and internationally. He explains how we've become more vulnerable to traditional and terrorist attacks from the kind of aggressive international powers who have always arisen from somewhere. And he points out how it threatens our sovereignty by perpetuating our acquiescence to American interests.

*Canada Under Attack* further extends the author's concern for the welfare of his fellow Canadians, as well as people of other countries, who sometimes rely on humanitarian aid provided by the Canadian Forces.

Finally, *Canada Under Attack* is a call for Canadians to become concerned with the state of our military and how each of us can democratically affect changes that will return the Canadian Forces to its prior capable self, so it can serve Canadians to the high standards we expect.

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