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"**Who We Are**'s diagnosis of the postnational predicament is compelling, refreshing and highly relevant...While **Who We Are** doesn't present all the answers, it does us an enormous service by opening up the debate. Taking on myths might seem very un-Canadian, but in writing this book, **Griffiths** distinguishes himself as one of the very best Canadians of his generation." (*Globe & Mail* 2009-03-14)

"[**Griffiths**] book melds logical clarity with truly excellent prose." (*Inside Queen's Park* 2009-03-24)

"**Who We Are: A Citizen's Manifesto** isn't only about who we are but also about who, in **Griffiths** opinion, we ought to be." (*National Post* 2009-04-01)

"In this provocative work, **Griffiths** argues that at this critical juncture Canadians need to rediscover our country's founding principles -- robust civic values and social solidarity -- so that we can create a movement of passionate citizenship, one which will keep us accountable not just to our neighbourhoods and cities, but to our country." (*Argyle Magazine* 2009-04-07)

"**Who We Are** is a bold and sometimes provocative book: while rejecting crude nationalism, **Griffiths** insists that multicultural Canada in a complicated, often volatile world is best served by a more robust idea of citizenship and a stronger allegiance to its traditions and institutions...it is...the starting point of a conversation that we can only ignore at our peril." (*The Walrus* 2009-04-16)

"In his new book **Who We Are**...**Rudyard Griffiths** challenges Canadians to rediscover the founding principals of Canadian nationhood and revitalize our sense of citizenship." (*Financial Post* 2009-05-09)

"An eloquent and hard-headed argument for reinventing a shared vision of what it means to be Canadian." (Margaret Wente)

"A genuine cri de coeur...for a new and better Canada written by one of the brightest stars of the rising generation." (J.L. Granatstein)

"A must-read for every Canadian concerned about where we are headed as a nation." (Rick Mercer)

About the Author

Rudyard Griffiths is the cofounder of the Dominion Institute, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of history and civic literacy. He is a regular TV commentator on national affairs and a columnist with the *National Post*. In 2006, the *Globe and Mail* called him one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40." He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

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