

The Jesuit Relations: Natives and Missionaries in Seventeenth-Century North America (Bedford Series in History & Culture (Paperback))

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The writings of seventeenth-century French Jesuits in Native North America found in Jesuit Relations tell the story of their early American encounters through the inclusion of background on these missionaries, the Indians, and their cohabitation in early North America.

ALLAN GREER is professor of history and vice principal of University College at the University of Toronto. Author of *The People of New France* (1997); *The Patriots and the People: The Rebellion of 1837 in Rural Lower Canada* (1993); *Peasant, Lord and Merchant: Rural Society in Three Quebec Parishes 1740-1840* (1985), he is also the recipient of the John Porter Prize, the Prix Lionel-Groulx, the Sir John A. MacDonald Prize, and the Allan Sharlin Prize. He is currently working on a book on the seventeenth-century Mohawk "saint" Kateri Tekakwitha. "Once again, Allan Greer has found an engaging way to draw students closer to the cultural encounters occurring in northeastern North America during the early colonial period. His accessible translations of judiciously selected, generous samples from *The Jesuit Relations* will help ground fruitful class discussions ranging from native social organization to the mental worlds of Counter-Reformation clergymen."

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