

Review excerpts for *Relocating Eden* (1995) by Alan Marcus

This is a magnificent book about forced Inuit relocation from Arctic Quebec and the interior of Keewatin. ... Marcus demonstrates thorough scholarship and tells great stories with meticulous detail. Bruce Hodgins (Dept of History, Trent Univ), *Arctic*, June 1996.

The principal merits of this well-researched and well-referenced book are its even handed treatment of an emotional topic and its refusal to set aside scholarly inquiry for a politically inspired explanation of how and why Eden did not occur. Barry Gough (Dept of History, Wilfrid Laurier Univ) *Choice*, Jan. 1996.

Marcus presents a thoughtful and thoroughly researched account of events that took place forty years ago. His analysis of the mix of political considerations, artistic constructs and ideas about social welfare should also give us cause to think about contemporary developments and their effects on Canada's First Nations. Glen Schmidt (Dept of Social Work, Univ of Northern British Columbia) *The Northern Review*, Summer 1995.

Marcus carefully combines extensive anthropological field work with historiographical research to offer a comprehensive account of the relocation of groups of Inuit northward to unoccupied lands ... In 1993, forty years after the relocation started, Canada established the first Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples to examine this complex issue, and Marcus himself testified before this body. His insights there and in this book make for thought-provoking reading. Cornel Pewewardy (Indigenous Nations Studies, Univ of Kansas) *MultiCultural Review*, March 1996.

This excellent book details with painstaking thoroughness and fairness what is in fact an unended human tragedy, one that hopefully other government and agency dreamers and schemers can learn from and seek to avoid. Milton Freeman (Canadian Circumpolar Institute, Univ of Alberta) *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, July 1997.

This book is one of the two or three best works on a period in northern social history that has been badly understudied (and understood) and deserves to be fairly read by every student of the modern Canadian North. George Wenzel (Dept of Geography, McGill Univ) *The Canadian Historical Review*, June 1997.