Nunavut Arctic College has been publishing for almost three decades. Our press predates the political creation of Nunavut, but not the historical reality of a distinct Inuit land. We have been around for some time, yet we are new on the landscape of Canadian publishing.

Most people across Canada (and the world) are not familiar with our books. There is a good reason for this. Our books were purposefully published to serve students, teachers, and community members in the Eastern Arctic. These works were not intended for wide distribution, enviable sales, or awards; they exist as urgent, at times rough-hewn manifestations of intimate and collaborative efforts to archive the knowledge and history of unique generations. The narrators in our pages are often Inuit who weathered the bewildering movement from the land to static settlements in the mid-20th century, and those who entered residential schools.

Notwithstanding our territorial obligation to date, our work has benefitted from the engagement and initiative of outsiders. Alongside Inuit Elders, leaders, educators, students, and translators, a perusal of our books reveals the thoughtful participation of southern and international writers, editors, and scholars. These encounters blur the binaries of Inuit and Qallunaaq (southerner) ways of knowing, doing, and telling. They arouse the tension, possibility, and limitation in the fusion of Western written custom and Inuit oral tradition. Our books are experiments in knowledge, language, and culture that we have felt a responsibility to undertake, and continue to undertake.

So why do we embark on a wider adventure NOW?

It is in response to a constellation of needs, events, and questions. We want to continue to stimulate reflection and discussion as Nunavut enters its late teens and as attention to climate change, resource extraction, and global security more seriously affects the Arctic. We want to help interpret “tradition” for younger Nunavummiut working to navigate their futures, and to evoke the everyday experiences that are often muted amid the myth and romance that regularly craft Arctic narratives.

Simply put, we feel a timely duty to better inform Canadians (and the world) about the historical and contemporary realities of the Canadian Arctic.

People have been coming to the Arctic for hundreds of years to explore, exploit, learn, trade, govern, wonder, and behold. We too are curious and bold. And NAC Media is excited to adventure from our storied territory into the mysterious province of the unknown.

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Hunting is one of the most important land skills in the Arctic, and continues to be an important source of income and food for many people and communities. The Hunter Education series facilitates the transmission of knowledge regarding proper hunting techniques, safety, and animal behaviour. It will also help to preserve traditional Inuit hunting knowledge and the value of environmental stewardship.

*Hunting Seal in the Summer* is a guide to hunting one of the most important game animals for Inuit. Advice is given for summertime seal hunting from a boat, including practical information on preparing for the hunt, ensuring boat safety, different kinds of seal and where to find them, skinning the animal, preserving the meat, and safe firearm operation. It also includes information about traditional Inuit hunting beliefs and taboos, and reflections on how to keep the seal population stable and healthy. The book is paired with a DVD that contains actual hunting footage and interviews with hunters, Elders, and wildlife officers.

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*Hunting Caribou in the Fall* is a guide to hunting one of the most important game animals for Inuit. Advice is given for fall-time hunting in the Kivalliq Region during the barren-ground caribou migration, when hides are most suitable for the making of winter clothing. This book includes advice on preparing for the hunt, setting up camp, avoiding detection by the caribou, skinning the animal, preserving the meat, and staying safe on the hunt. It also includes information about traditional Inuit hunting beliefs and taboos, and reflections on how to keep the caribou population stable and healthy. The book is paired with a DVD that contains actual hunting footage and interviews with hunters, Elders, and wildlife officers.

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Dictionary of Utkuhiksalingmiut Inuktitut Postbase Suffixes

This staggering book was 50 years in the making. In 1963, Jean Briggs travelled alone to Chantry Inlet to begin her anthropology fieldwork in the Utkuhiksalik region of the Northwest Territories (now Nunavut). She became the adopted daughter of a family in a small camp, and in order to communicate, she began writing down as many words as possible that she heard spoken around her. This simple necessity was the genesis of this book, which is both a unique language archive and Briggs’s expression of gratitude to the Utkuhiksalingmiut who assisted her five decades of work.

Co-authored by Alana Johns and Conor Cook, this highly detailed volume of Utkuhiksalingmiut post-base suffixes will astonish and instruct those with an interest in linguistics and Inuktitut.

“This is a welcome study, long overdue, of a dialect that has been much neglected by linguists to date. The scholarship in this analysis of the Utkuhiksalingmiut dialect is impeccable. Scholars and students alike will find the volume indispensable.”
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“The Caribou Taste Different Now”
Inuit Elders Observe Climate Change

“The Caribou Taste Different Now” grounds the discussions, debates, and discourses about climate change to material and everyday life in the contemporary Canadian Arctic.

Climate change is expected to have a particular impact on the Arctic regions of the world. Melting permafrost, changing wildlife migration patterns, and new species of flora and fauna threaten to forever change the landscape and lives of the North. In this book, Inuit Elders and knowledge holders from eight Canadian Arctic communities—Kugluktuk, Baker Lake, Pangnirtung, and Pond Inlet in Nunavut; Umiujaq, Kangiqsujuaq, and Kangiqsualujjuaq in Nunavik; and Nain in Nunatsiavut—share their observations of climate change, including how it is affecting traditional ways of life.

With a foreword by Mary Simon, this distinct book foregrounds the words of those most intimately poised to observe the effects of climate change. The 145 Inuit in this study share their personal knowledge and experience on the land, lending unique insight alongside scientific analysis and research findings.

“The Pan-Canadian/cross-community collaborative effort in this important publication, which brings together the Elders and knowledge holders as they share their observations, is absolutely invaluable.”
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Inuit Kinship and Naming Customs in Baffin Region

Traditionally, Inuit do not call each other by their given names. Instead, a system of kinship and family terms is used, known as tuniqurausiit. Calling friends, family, and community members by kinship terms is a way to show respect and foster closeness within families. Children were named after their Elders and ancestors, ensuring a long and healthy life.

As more and more Inuit refer to each other by their English first names, rather than their traditional kinship terms, the tradition of tuniqurausiit is slowly disappearing. This book presents interviews with Inuit Elders from Baffin Region, Nunavut, about how the practice of tuniqurausiit has changed over the years. Inuit Kinship and Naming Customs in Baffin Region helps to preserve the knowledge of this tradition for younger generations, both Inuit and non-Inuit.

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Tukisigiaruti Timittiaringnirmut
Health Glossary for Nunavut Educators

This glossary provides simple but accurate definitions for over 200 health-science terms from the fields of anatomy (muscle, spinal cord), pathology (anemia, stroke), nutrition (carbohydrate, sodium), and psychology (defence mechanism, compensation). Each term includes suggested Inuktitut translations in both Roman and syllabics from three communities in Nunavut: Gjoa Haven, Baker Lake, and Clyde River.

This essential resource will provide health-science instructors in Nunavut with an easy-to-use reference to assist in educating the next generation of Nunavut health workers.

“This book is an invaluable resource for both students and interpreters/translators working in the medical field.”
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