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In addition to detailing the major library holdings of women's collections in the United States, this volume also includes essays that chart the history of collecting women's materials and discuss the role of librarians, scholars and archivists in expanding collections concerned with women's lives. The addresses of representative centres in the United States, Canada, and foreign locales are appended.

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Helen Duncan. Toronto: Simon and Pierre, 1984.

Kate Rice provides a fascinating life for historical study. After completing an unconventional degree in mathematics in 1906, this Ontario-born woman began a more traditional women's career teaching school. However, soon she abandoned this work and became a trapper and successful prospector in Manitoba. Based on Rice's diaries, letters and other manuscript sources, Helen Duncan has written a popular readable biography.

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Marian Fowler. Toronto: Penguin Books, 1985.

Sara Jeanette Duncan is one of Canada's best-known authors. A successful journalist, Duncan in 1888 left Canada and her career for a world tour. Following her marriage and the establishment of a new life in British India, she wrote her first novel. Fowler's finely tuned biography explores the life of Duncan and captures her complex character.

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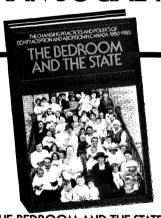
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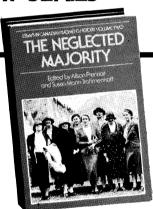
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