



Looking for Bootstraps
Economic Development in the Maritimes

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About the book: In 2006, award-winning author Donald Savoie wrote a seminal book on economic development in the Maritimes: *Visiting Grandchildren*. His plans were “to exit the field with this book.” A decade later, he marks his return to that subject with *Looking for Bootstraps*. Concerned about the region’s future, he sought to explore and explain the reasons behind its lack of economic development. The result will spark a much-needed debate about the future of the Maritime provinces.

Drawing on his past involvement in regional development (senior policy advisor to former minister of DREE; involvement in establishment of ACOA) and on his earlier work, Savoie brings a fresh perspective to an age-old problem and asks the tough questions: Why has the Maritime region not developed as well as other Canadian regions, and what can we do about it?

About the author: Donald Savoie holds the Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance (Tier 1) at the Université de Moncton. He has won numerous awards, including the 2016 Donner Prize for *What Is Government Good At?* He has been made an Officer of the Order of Canada (1993), elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1992), and received seven honorary doctorates from Canadian universities.