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Commissioned to honour the distinguished career of University of Saskatchewan Professor John Courtney, Leadership, Representation, and Election addresses a range of topics of central importance to government and politics in contemporary Canada. Beginning with an overview of Courtney's contribution to the field of Canadian politics, editors Hans Michelmann, Donald C. Story, and Jeffrey S. Steeves bring together an impressive list of scholars to discuss a variety of issues representing the strengths of Courtney's work. Topics explored include: the transformation of Canadian parties, the impact of party leaders on the electoral fortunes of their parties, new avenues for public involvement in the policy-making process, Royal Commissions, opinion polls, access to information, the malaise of Canadian democracy, institutional reform, and indigenous nationalism. Timely and engaging, this impressive collection honours an important scholar and makes a valuable contribution to the field.