This book contains a collection of articles concerning the Western Métis, published in *Prairie Forum* between 1978 and 2007. These articles have been chosen for the breadth and scope of the investigations upon which they are based, and for the reflections they will arouse in anyone interested in Western Canadian history and politics.

The reader will thus have in handy format a broad panorama of the Western Métis: their genesis and identity, their population movements and interbreeding patterns, their historical importance and military prowess, and finally their political successes and failures.