

New Society Enters New Phase
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From Judith and Christopher Plant

We are very pleased to announce that, today, New Society Publishers (NSP) entered a new phase of its existence with its acquisition by the Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group (D&M) based in Vancouver, British Columbia.

D&M is one of Canada's largest independent book publishers, with offices in both Toronto and Vancouver. It includes the publishing imprints Douglas & McIntyre (<http://www.douglas-mcintyre.com/home>) and Greystone Books (<http://www.douglas-mcintyre.com/greystone-books>) and is also the Canadian distributor for the New York houses Farrar, Straus & Giroux and Atlas & Co. Its imprints create over 60 new titles plus 100 reprints each year, and are internationally recognized for high standards in editorial, design and production. Amongst D&M's authors are the well-known environmental thinkers and activists David Suzuki and Wade Davis. Greystone Books is a leading publisher of books about nature, science and the environment.

D&M is fully committed to supporting the growth of NSP's superb publishing team, which will continue to be led by Judith Plant from the company's base on Gabriola Island. NSP will operate as a separate company with its own distinct identity, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group.

“After many lonely years of swimming upstream to get people to pay attention to sustainability issues, we are now very pleased to be part of a larger group that has the potential to really improve our effectiveness,” said Judith. “We struggled to build our readership during the ‘turn-around’ decade of the 90s, when nothing much turned around at all. Now, as the first decade of the new millennium nears its end, green issues are on everyone's agenda, and New Society finds itself to be a long-time leader in the field. With the added reach and strength from our new partnership, we are looking forward to increasing the scope and relevance of our publishing program so that we can continue to provide building blocks for the new society that has always been our deeply held mission.”

Chris Plant, who retired from full involvement last year for health reasons, will continue to act as Senior Acquisitions Editor. Together, Judith and Chris see the transition as an exciting new development for both the company and the tremendously talented NSP team they have built up over the last two decades that includes authors from all over North America and beyond.