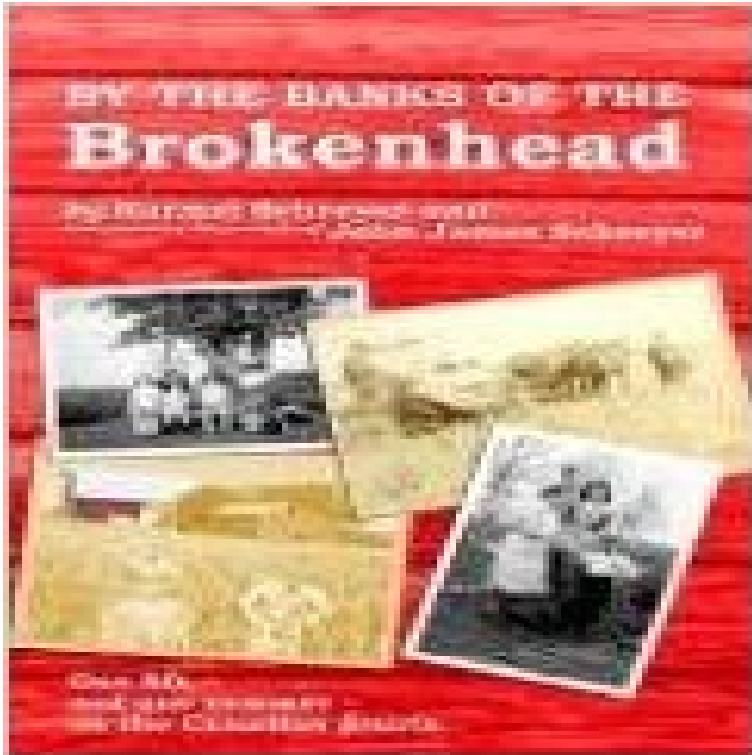


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As daughter of Edward Schreyer, governor general of Canada and premier of Manitoba, and great-granddaughter of Anton Schreyer, late-nineteenth-century immigrant and pioneer, Karmel Schreyer grew up in a tradition of both pioneer simplicity and political activism. After more than a decade of globetrotting, Schreyer returns from her Hong Kong home to the Manitoba homestead to spend a summer introducing her two young daughters to their Canadian heritage. In the process, they learn about cultivating a vegetable garden, the wonders of the Great Plains, the importance of extended families and are sent on a 1600-mile odyssey by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Seamlessly incorporating her grandfathers unpublished journals from a century earlier, *By the Banks of the Brokenhead* is both a history of one of Canadas leading families and an intimate description of how past and future connect and reconnect across continents and generations. I enjoyed this original and delightful account of what it is like to be the daughter of a man who is living Canadian history. This couldnt have been an easy subject to tackle, but Karmel Schreyer pulls it off with humour and a light touch. Through her genuine sense of awe at what it took to build this country, and her familys contribution to it, I was moved too, as other readers will be. -- Sharon Butala, author of *The Perfection of the Morning* and *Lilac Moon: Dreaming of the Real West*

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