An Iron Hand Upon The People: The Law Against The Potlatch On The Northwest Coast

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In 1885 the Canadian government outlawed the potlatch, a ceremony central to the cultures of many Northwest Coast Indians. This timely and relevant book explores the legislative battle that resulted in the potlatch's ban. Douglas Cole and Ira Chaikin recount the history of potlatch injustices, shedding light on the powerful effect of the law on the Northwest Coast Indian cultures.
