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#### Review

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'The ideas that Menno Boldt presents in *A Quest for Humanity* clearly reflect a lifetime's worth of work. With intriguing depth, Boldt conceptualizes human history as a millennia-long process of globalization – a term he defines in a completely novel way, using both power and knowledge terms. His narrative is also effective, telling a story without revealing its ultimate meaning to you or instructing you on how to act. You are instead left to conclude: how can I use this new understanding to behave differently?' (David Newhouse, Department of Indigenous Studies, Trent University)

#### About the Author

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