

EQUITY COMMITTEE BOOK REVIEW

Nova Scotia Teachers Union

The NSTU Equity Committee is pleased to provide book reviews for resources which may be beneficial to members dealing with equity issues. This month's book is entitled *Where Race does not Matter* (The New Spirit of Modernity), written by Cecil Foster and published by the Penguin Group. The following quotation from the book's back cover is a testament to Canada's importance as a multicultural nation:

"Now, thanks to the policies of Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Canada has done an about-face on race and is the world's first official multicultural country. But race and ethnicity are still serious issues. In Where Race does not Matter, Cecil Foster, one of Canada's leading intellectuals, argues that Canada can leave a legacy to the world--a legacy of true multiculturalism where all citizens are genuinely equal and race truly does not matter."

The Equity Committee is working in conjunction with the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project to provide useful and vital information to teachers in the form of information kits for schools. The eight school boards have been contacted through their RCH Co-ordinators and have been asked to approve the distribution of these kits to school guidance counselors via NSTU representatives. To date, these kits have been sent to schools in the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, the Halifax Regional School Board, the South Shore Regional School Board, and the Strait Regional School Board. Arrangements are underway to receive the kits in French and once they are available, the French kits will be sent to schools in the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial.

