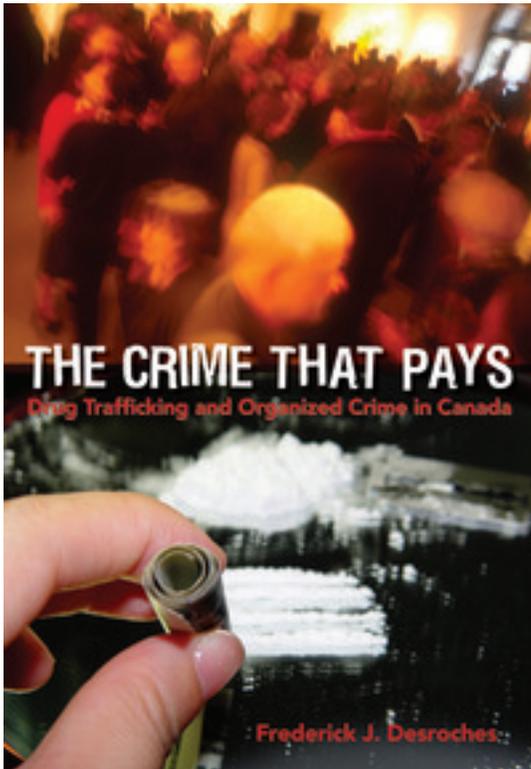


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The book includes original research both on the RCMP and on higher-level drug trafficking. Also included are analyses of Canadian drug laws and a critique of social policy relating to drug use and drug trafficking.

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