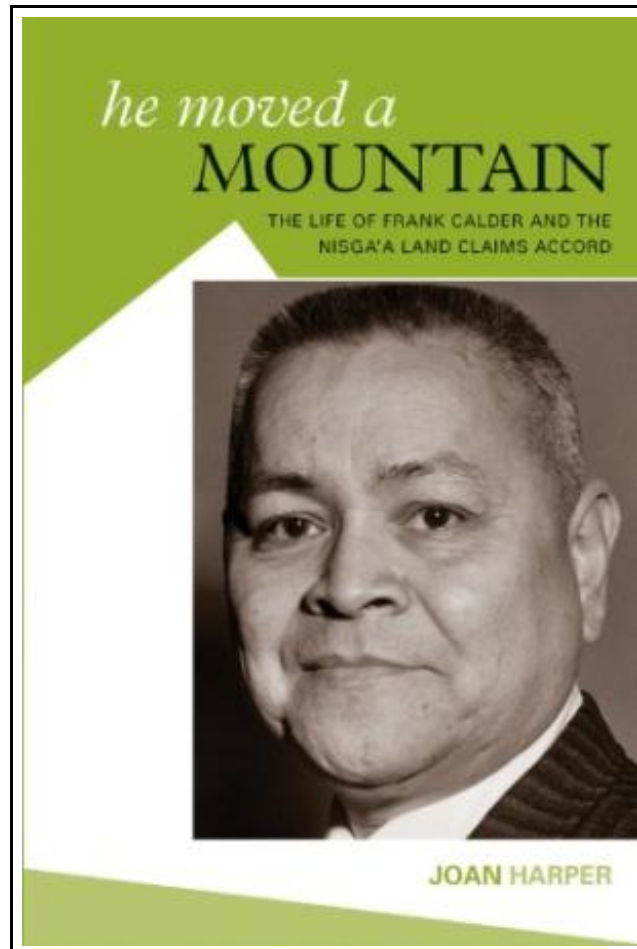# He Moved a Mountain: The Life of Frank Calfer & the Nisga'a Land Claims Accord

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