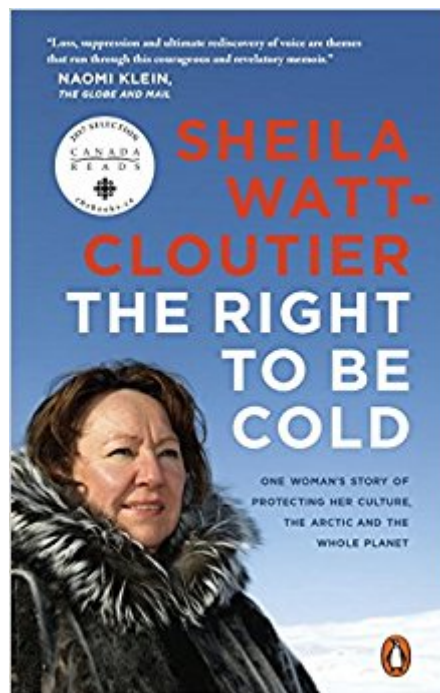




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The Right To Be Cold: One Woman's Story Of Protecting Her Culture, The Arctic And The Whole Planet



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