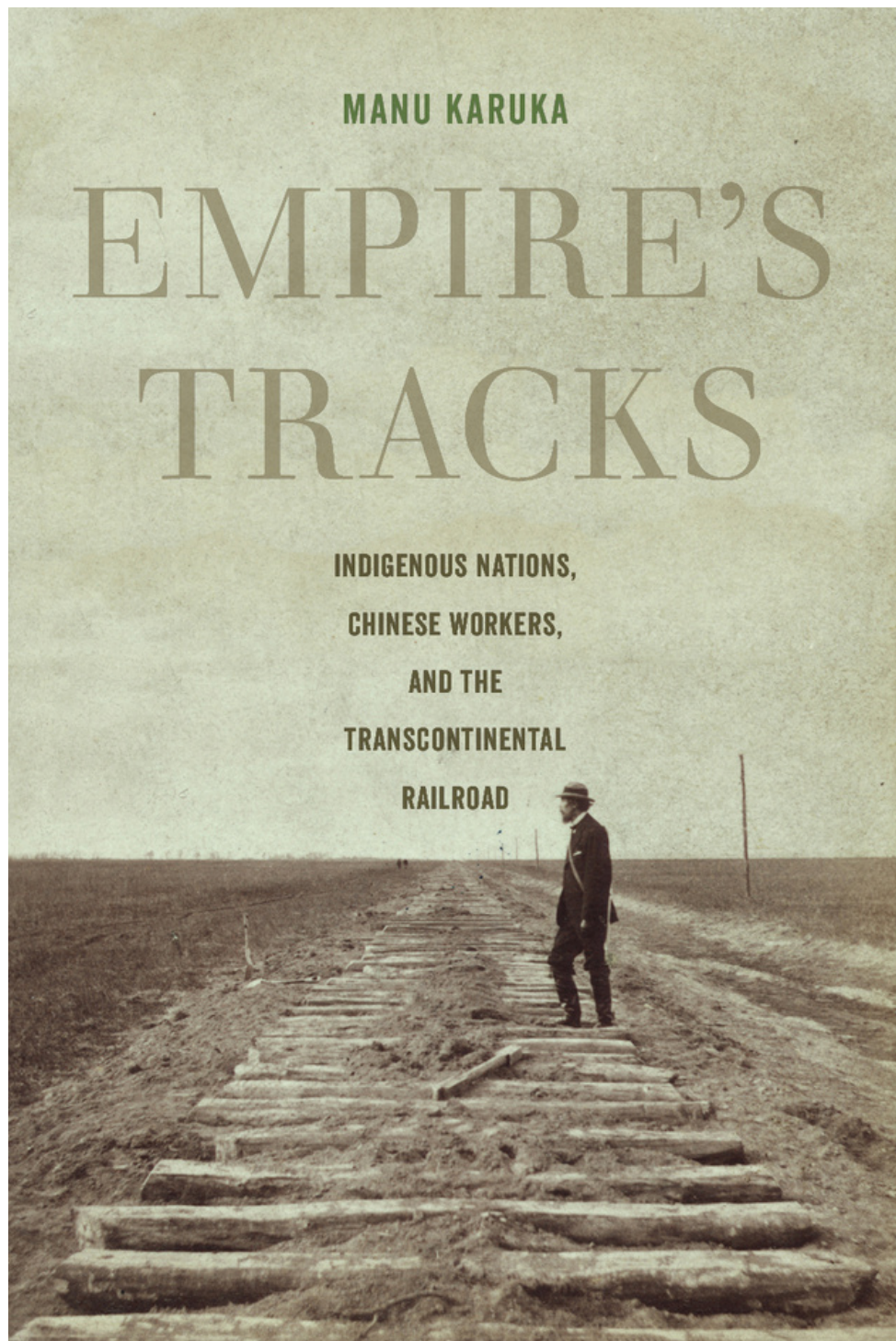


Empire's Tracks:

Indigenous Nations, Chinese Workers, and the Transcontinental Railroad

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