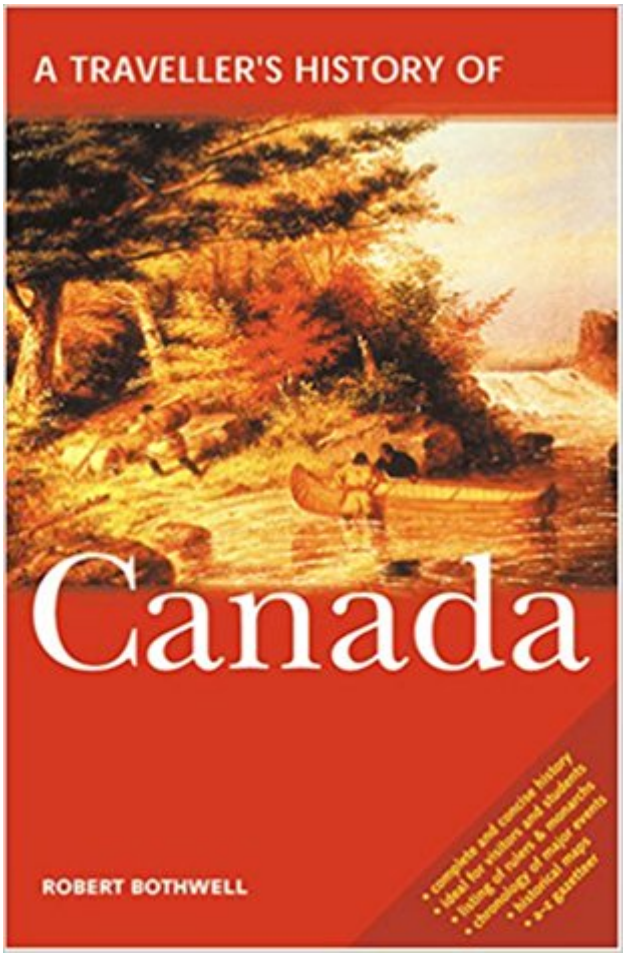
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Synopsis

To outsiders, Canada is synonymous with a vision of wilderness, glaciers, mountains and forests. Distance and space define Canada, but so do large modern cities, an extraordinarily diverse population (30 million plus) and advanced social systems that won it recognition from the United Nations as the most desirable country on earth in which to live. Canada's story begins with the arrival of the first immigrants over 15,000 years ago who travelled across a land bridge from Siberia to Alaska. Starting around 1000AD with the Vikings, European settlers arrived, bringing with them their cultures, languages and societies. By 1700 Canada was divided between the French and British. The next century was spent in wars to determine who should rule in North America. The French lost, but left behind a vigorous colony that evolved into modern Quebec, and 6-million French-speakers scattered across modern Canada. Unlike the rest of the Americas, Canada long maintained a close connection with Europe, actively participating in two world wars and in the Cold War that followed. The impact of these events and its relationship with its neighbor, the USA, are discussed. The book is brought fully up to date with a profile of modern Canada, its successes, present difficulties and a prognosis for the future.

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Robert Bothwell was born in Canada, educated at Harvard and is Professor of History at the University of Toronto. He has written many books, ranging from the problems of Atomic Energy to Canadian foreign relations.

Read the Gazette piece in the back of the book first. It is a great overview of Canada and how it grew. Then go back and read the parts that interest you personally.

Read this in preparation for a trip to British Columbia. Great, quick, overview. I don't know how they do it. But it worked for me.

Needs to be updated. Early history is interesting.

emphasized a great deal of economic and population facts but seemed to miss the cultural aspects. If I want a book to read about an upcoming trip to a given region, this would not be it. Even the historical information of the 17th and 18th centuries could have been clarified and reorganized - and I speak as a historian. Donna Gilboa

The book was poorly written and somewhat boring.I skipped around and read only the chapters which interested me- the author should take the Rod scholar trip my husband I participated in - Sylvia

I'm studying Canadian Literature and this book is great because it provided me with the interesting facts of Canada and its short but lively history. Anyone thinking about working and living there or just going there for a holiday can read this book and discover the amazing history behind Canada's diverse and mulitcultural population. It has many index resources for anyone wishing to know the 'hard facts'.The book is apart of a series of traveller's guides which seem to give readers interesting facts without boring them!! I was initially tempted to buy this book because it was written from a traveller's perspective. Having purchased it from I am delighted with its light and story-like style which makes it very enjoyable to read.

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