Right Honourable Men

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Right Honourable Men by Michael Bliss is Americas Updated with an insightful and controversial assessment of Jean Chrétien Since first published in 1994, Right Honourable Men has remained the definitive source for Canadians wanting to know more about the quality of our leaders and the personalities behind the policies. Now, in this timely new edition, Bliss evaluates Jean Chrétien's record and asserts that he was actually a conservative prime minister -- as conservative as Mulroney himself. And Chrétien's legacy? A decade of squandered opportunities, national decline, and dashed hopes of real reform. From the visionary Macdonald, the reckless Laurier, and the misunderstood King, to the flamboyant Trudeau, the vainglorious Mulroney and the wily Chrétien, Right Honourable Men defines the essence of political leadership in Canada, sets the standard for rating prime ministers, and provides a fascinating roadmap for our past -- and our future.

More Recommended Books

Kilts on the Coast

By : Jan Peterson
When the Hudson's Bay Company decided to establish its new Pacific coast headquarters at Fort Victoria on Vancouver Island in 1843, the Island was a pristine paradise—or an isolated wilderness, depending on one's point of view—that had sustained its First Nations inhabitants for millennia. It was one of the last places to be discovered and settled by Europeans in North America. It was Scots who came to the Island to manage the Company's business in Fort Victoria, engaging in the fur trade and establishing coal-mining ventures around what is now Nanaimo, where "black diamonds" were found in abundance. From founding father James Douglas and other high-placed Company men to the humble miners from Orkney and Ayrshire who were brought over on harsh voyages around Cape Horn to work Nanaimo's mines, the Scottish influence on the young Colony of Vancouver Island was indelible. Nanaimo author and historian Jan Peterson focuses on events and people who sparked settlement and growth in BC's first Crown Colony over six critical years, 1848 to 1854, and delves deep into the roots of the Island's Scottish presence, tracing the lives of such pioneers as Dr. William Tolmie, Robert Dunsmuir and their descendants.

Hudson's Bay Company Adventures

By : Elle Andra-Warner
The early history of the Hudson’s Bay Company comes alive in these true tales of fur-trade wars, incredible wilderness journeys, hardships and danger. Founded by the extraordinary adventurers and renegades Radisson and des Groseilliers, the HBC attracted many memorable characters. Explorer Henry Kelsey was the first European to see the buffalo herds. James Knight met a mysterious fate on a frozen northern island. Brave Isabel Gunn worked in the fur trade disguised as a man. Anyone who enjoys historical adventure will relish these exciting stories of Canada’s oldest company.

**How The Scots Invented Canada**

By: Ken McGoogan

Canadians of Scottish descent, who today total over 4.7 million, have never made up more than 16 per cent of Canada’s population. Yet they have supplied thirteen of twenty-two Canadian prime ministers, and have made proportionate contributions in exploration, education, banking, military service, railroading, invention, literature, you name it. Award-winning author Ken McGoogan has written a vivid, sweeping narrative showcasing more than sixty Scots who have shaped Canada. They include fur traders Alexander Mackenzie and the “Scotch West-Indian” James Douglas, who established national boundaries; politicians John A. Macdonald and Nellie McClung, who created a system of government; and visionaries Tommy Douglas, James Houston, Doris Anderson and Marshall McLuhan, who turned Canada into a complex nation that celebrates diversity. McGoogan toasts Robbie Burns, recalls the first settlers to wade ashore at Pictou, Nova Scotia, and celebrates such hybrid figures as the Cherokee Scot John Norton and Cuthbert Grant, father of the Métis nation. In How the Scots Invented Canada, Ken McGoogan uncovers the Scottish history of a nation-building miracle.

**Molly Pitcher**

By: Robert Grey Reynolds Jr.

Molly Pitcher is an American heroine about which there is much historic debate. Researchers have argued whether she was of German, Dutch or Irish ancestry. Also debated is the who the real Molly Pitcher is. A Margaret Corbin relieved her wounded husband, as did Molly, in a battle during the American Revolution. Sometimes Mary Ludwig (Molly Pitcher) and Margaret Corbin are mistaken for one another. It is also a subject of debate as to whether Molly Pitcher was originally from Carlisle or Allentown Pennsylvania. In 1913 the Pennsylvania Legislature awarded Molly with a monument near where she is buried in Carlisle.

**Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail**

By: Theodore Roosevelt

“If I had not spent my year in North Dakota, I would never have become President of the United States,” declared Theodore Roosevelt. The future statesman took his first steps toward the highest office in the land in the Dakota Badlands of the 1880s, where he began his transformation from aristocrat to democrat. Roosevelt left his home in the East as Theodore, but he returned as “Teddy,” a rugged outdoorsman and soon-to-be hero of the Rough Riders. Recounted with infectious enthusiasm, Roosevelt's tales range from ranching on the open plains to hunting in the mountains. His reminiscences conjure up the vanished world of the frontier, with thrilling accounts of chasing bighorn sheep and horse thieves, encountering Indians, branding cattle, and bronco busting. Roosevelt's recollections helped elevate the cowboy's image from that of an ordinary farm laborer into a figure of nobility and courage. The works of Frederic Remington, another great mythmaker of the Old West, illustrate these memoirs. Sixty-five black-and-white images by this renowned American artist complement Roosevelt's stories of freedom and self-reliance.
**The Dunsmuir Saga**

By: **Terry Reksten**

The Dunsmuir Saga brings to life three generations of the legendary Dunsmuir family of Vancouver Island. Robert Dunsmuir -- canny, acquisitive and imaginative -- became the richest man in British Columbia; his sons struggled to consolidate the family fortune; his grandchildren spent it. Award-winning author Terry Reksten brings the members of the Dunsmuir family and their colourful saga to life with her lively writing, vivid anecdotes and careful research. A selection of 50 historical photographs depicts the Dunsmuir's and their grand style of life.

**The Last of the Wild Rivers**

By: **Wallace A Schaber**

For four hundred years, the journals of all the great explorers of Canada have mentioned the Deux Joachims portage and the wild Rivière du Moine as they made their way west to discover riches, routes, or souls to save. The Du Moine is the last of the ten major Quebec tributaries of the Ottawa River to resist the development threats of hydro, mining, and modern colonization. Recent conservation efforts to preserve this last of the wild rivers as an aquatic reserve have met with mixed reviews by all those who would be affected, including the Algonquins of Wolf Lake--whose ancestors, the Du Moine River band, originally occupied the watershed. Wally Schaber has been observing and participating in defining the modern history of the Du Moine River watershed for nearly half a century. Within the covers of this book, Schaber has gathered a detailed history of the Du Moine watershed, often told through the lives of characters who lived that history and continue to define it. It’s a river guide for those who want to think about and act upon the past, present, and future of this great wilderness river.

**The slave trade, domestic and foreign**

By: **Henry Charles Carey**

A type of historical book. The slave trade, domestic and foreign: why it exists, and how it may be extinguished. works about the Americas, from the time of their discovery to the early 1900s. Sabin Americana is rich in original accounts of discovery and exploration, pioneering and westward expansion, the U.S. Civil War and other military actions, Native Americans, slavery and abolition, religious history and more. Sabin Americana offers an up-close perspective on life in the western hemisphere, encompassing the arrival of the Europeans on the shores of North America in the late 15th century to the first decades of the 20th century. Covering a span of over 400 years in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean, this collection highlights the society, politics, religious beliefs, culture, contemporary opinions and momentous events of the time. It provides access to documents from an assortment of genres, sermons, political tracts, newspapers, books, pamphlets, maps, legislation, literature and more.

**Slavery's Storm**

By: **Bentley Boyd**

This history in graphic novel format will explain some of the complicated political, legal and economic forces that led to the American Civil War, from the “Middle Passage” slave trade that lasted for decades to the John Brown raid on the arsenal at Harpers Ferry which sparked the final arguments before the secession of Southern states in 1861.

**The Slave Trade**

By: **Hugh Thomas**
The Atlantic slave trade was one of the largest and most elaborate maritime and commercial ventures. Between 1492 and about 1870, ten million or more black slaves were carried from Africa to one port or another of the Americas. In this wide-ranging book, Hugh Thomas follows the development of this massive shift of human lives across the centuries until the slave trade's abolition in the late nineteenth century.
The right honourable gentleman opposite is a very naughty man, and he will laugh on the other side of his face when my ship comes in. Bless them, O Lord, and wheresoever they walk, grant them success in this, their honourable quest. It has been often remarked, that men, honest, honourable, and verboquent in everything else, will cheat and lie in horse-trading. With a small number of honourable exceptions like Unison, the outcome was stitched up without giving grassroots union members a vote.