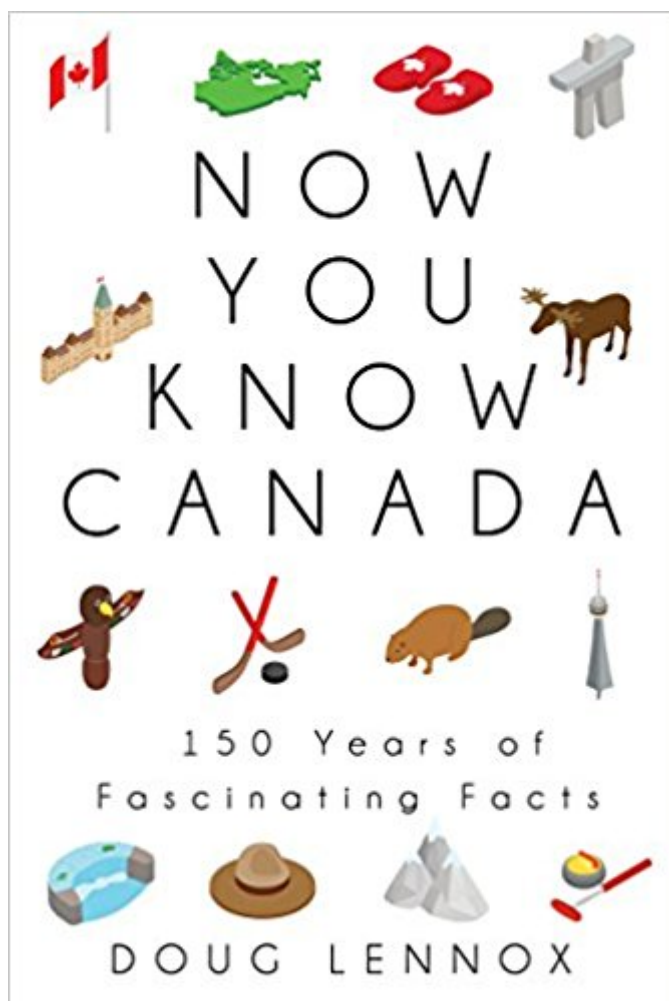


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Doug Lennox was an internationally acclaimed broadcaster, a veteran character actor, a commercial voice artist, and a bestselling author. He has appeared in more than 60 films and television features, including X-Men, Police Academy, Lonesome Dove, and Against the Ropes, and shared screen time with Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman, Burt Reynolds, Holly Hunter, Eric McCormack, Gary Oldman, and a myriad of others.

This is just the fun book you would hope to read to find out more about a country. Lots of questions you might not have thought of before but once you know the answers you'll wonder how you never thought to ask. I bought books similar to this when living there as I love to get

underneath the skin of a country and its different ways. Things I knew before going there and things learned when in a country are very different but this book manages to merge the weird and whacky, serious and otherwise without it feeling like a history lesson. Written in the form of questions is good too. The links and flows well. Answers are educational without you feeling like you're sat in a classroom. All books make you wiser and richer and this one definitely does!

Indeed fascinating facts. "Now You Know Canada: 150 Years of Fascinating Facts" is like a tray with all kinds of tapas: small digestible bits of general knowledge about Canada that you can pick in no particular order and read all at once or just a couple at a time. The book contains several categories and the information is divided into questions (Who was the first.... Did you know that...) followed by a paragraph with the answer and some of the story behind it. You can even find the list of questions in the afterword. There is something for everyone, from fun facts, history, politics and sports to women in history, science and legends. What makes this book specially nice is that it is not tedious to read, the question & explanation format is great for reading on the go, when you struggle to digest long texts cramped with facts or if you feel like skipping one entire section (or jumping straight into it). My favorite bits were: Wolverine's Canadian heritage, Scotty's missing finger (yes, "beam me up Scotty") and Winnie the Pooh. Can't wait to use some of these as conversation starters!

Now You Know Canada by Doug Lennox is a free NetGalley ebook that I read in late May. Even though it's a resource of Canada's history, important people, tragic and triumphant events, geography, and sports, it deals all in a Q&A format, but with questions that are out of my intellectual scope (in that I wouldn't know or wouldn't have a base knowledge to ask them, plus it feels like I'm nudging into a conversation already in progress).

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