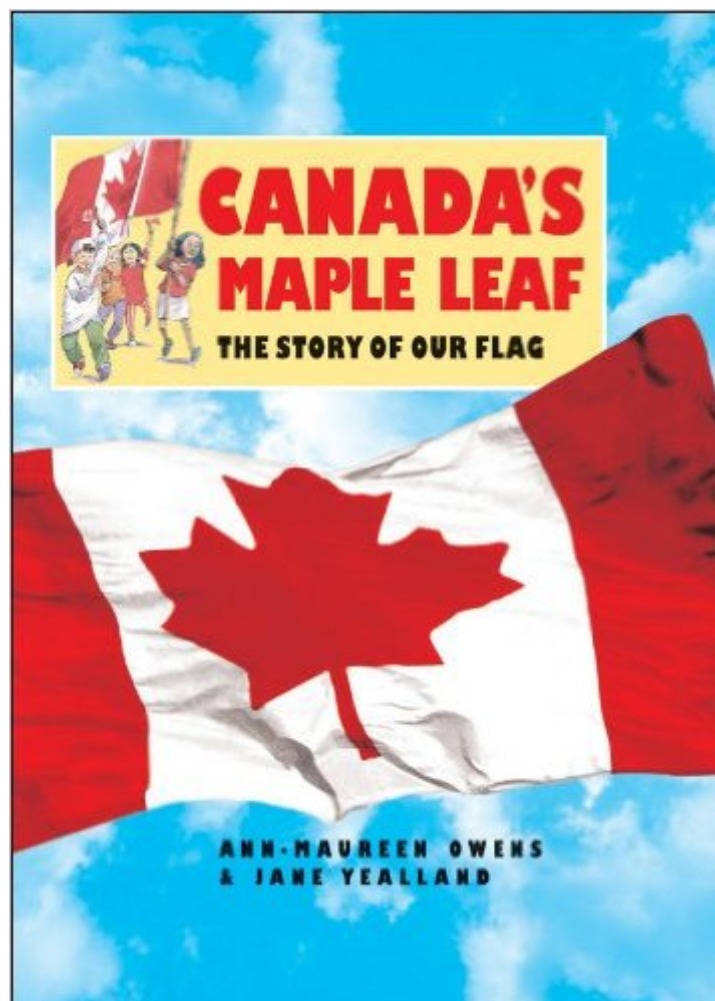


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Canada's Maple Leaf: The Story Of Our Flag



Synopsis

The only children's book of its kind, *Canada's Maple Leaf* is a colorful history of Canada's unique flag. Kids will learn about the first flags that flew over Canada, the country's loyalty to the British flag and the great flag debate that led to our current flag. They'll see colorful images of provincial and territorial flags (including Nunavut's) and read fascinating stories about flags from around the world. This illustrated history includes flag etiquette, flag-raising procedures and how to send messages with international flag codes. Kids can also make and fly their own Canadian flag by tracing the maple leaf in the book!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Reason for Reading: Read aloud to my son for our history curriculum. First, I'm shocked just now looking the book up online to find out that they've let this title go out of print. It has been a favourite in our house and I've read it to both my children (11 years apart). This is a wonderful book that captures the excitement of a country trying to choose its own flag for the first time. Prior to the maple leaf Canada flew either the Union Jack or the Red Ensign, both British flags, depending on the circumstances. As soon as you open the book on the inside front cover is a nice big outline of a maple leaf that can be traced or photocopied so children can make their own flags or artwork without having to struggle trying to draw their own leaf. This was much appreciated with my first son! The book starts off with why Canada's flag is unique and takes a look at some other unique country flags. Then we get a history of flags going back to ancient times and "vexiloids" up to the Vikings and their triangular flags and the Native Americans and their feathers tied to poles.

Historically we see all the flags that were flown over Canada before she had her own flag from John Cabot's St. George Cross to the American Stars & Stripes on the illegal trading forts in Alberta. Afterwards it discusses the whole historical story of how Canada came about her famous Maple Leaf and flag etiquette. The book finishes off with a look and description of the symbols on all 13 of Canada's provincial and territorial flags (and yes, that does mean Nunavut is included). An interesting book, well-written, with an entertaining voice, and colourful with great illustration. A great book for Canadian households with children, if you can find a copy. This one will be a keeper on my shelves!

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