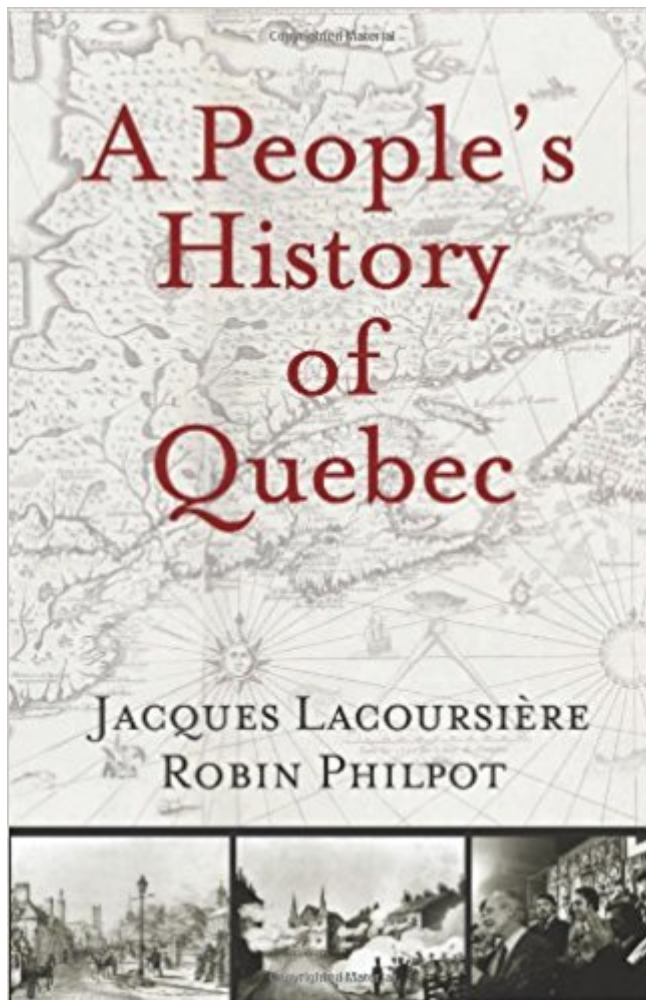


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# A People's History Of Quebec



## Synopsis

Revealing a little-known part of North American history, this lively guide tells the fascinating tale of the settlement of the St. Lawrence Valley. It also tells of the Montreal and Quebec-based explorers and traders who traveled, mapped, and inhabited a very large part of North America, and "embodied the peoples they met, as Jack Kerouac wrote. Connecting everyday life to the events that emerged as historical turning points in the life of a people, this book sheds new light on Quebec's 450-year history; and on the historical forces that lie behind its two recent efforts to gain independence.

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"A concise history of Quebec, from the earliest days of colonization to the aftermath of the most recent sovereignty referendum, rendered in an easily read 200 pages. As fascinating as the march of great figures and the mapping of landmark events are the details of how they affected the ordinary life of their times." — Montreal Gazette "At a trim 208 pages (including a tidy timeline of Quebec history and a useful index) and in a soft cover, it's the kind of book that's easy to carry on a trip and easy to bring to bed. It's also a good read which offers lots of room for reflection." — Quebec Heritage News [This] is both an excellent history book to refresh the reader's memory and a rich introduction to a people who were told they had no history. A great read." — HÃ©lÃ©ne De Billy, journalist "The best place to start for an understanding of Quebec politics is to go through Quebec's long history. . . . If you want to learn more about Montreal's history or are considering visiting the 'Paris of North America' . . . read A

People's History of Quebec." — Andrew Wenger, professional soccer player with the Montreal Impact

Jacques Lacoursière is one of Quebec's most notable writers. He is the author of the five-volume *Histoire populaire du Québec*, which has been a bestseller since the first volume was published in 1995. He lives in Quebec City, Quebec. Robin Philpot is a writer and translator who lives in Montreal, Quebec.

I purchased and read this book to prepare for a vacation to Quebec including Montreal and the city of Quebec. The reader gets a brief, well written, and readable history of Quebec through the present day. The chapters explain how Quebec arrived at its present organizational structure. In addition to the eleven chapters each with a few chapter ending photographs which illustrate that era, the reader gets an excellent timeline and an index. This book should be valuable not only to the traveler but also to the individual interested in Canadian history and the general reader of non-fiction.

As an English Quebecer, this book was a very good reminder of the wonderful history of Quebec, from the very early days of Samuel Champlain to the Referendum in 1995 - they all play a role in how wonderful Quebec is as a distinct society and how wonderful the people are - all because of the diversity of cultures, language, and the heart of its people.

I really wanted to learn more about the history of Quebec, which is pretty interesting. This book seemed to be detailed and, as far as I can tell, accurate. It's not especially amusing. Of course, it's the unusual book that portray history in a gripping or entertaining manner. I think this book could have benefited from some clever editing. But I still recommend it for anyone seriously interested in history.

A People's History of Quebec is an excellent overview text of Quebec. There are several passages where I wished there was more detail but the authors either assumed the reader would know or simply choose not to add more paragraphs. That's fine, but keep that in mind if you buy this book -- it will lead you to more research. The translation is awkward at times, but not too difficult. Overall I'm glad I purchased and read a People's History of Quebec -- it filled in many gaps in my understanding of La Belle Province and helped put many more recent trends into context.

I visited montreal recently and had many questions about the names of the places and the museums, the history is quite rich and if you want to have the information without having to read deeply into boring history books this is the right option, is quite understandable and easy to read, the information is very interesting

The book is not huge or detailed but it provides a succinct history of early Canada. It is great as an overview.

excellent

I enjoyed learning about the history of Quebec City. Politics went on and on.....as they tend to do. But a good read. Entices me to find another book on this subject.

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