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LOOKING BACK ON THE FORMATION OF A GREAT NATION Author Travels 40,000 km in Canada to Research New Book

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Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary of Confederation this year. In the midst of this monumental anniversary, author Graham Gibbs presents his new book, *Five Ages of Canada: A History From Our First Peoples to Confederation*. Gibbs' 40,000 km journey with his wife in a Canadian Roadtrek camper van throughout Canada fuels this historical narrative. With journal notes, locals' accounts, and research, *Five Ages of Canada* showcases the best of Canada and guides readers to truly discover this great nation.

Five Ages of Canada, produced through FriesenPress, tells the comprehensive tale of the nation's origins and formation. Although vast in the scope of its history, *Five Ages of Canada* is unique in its incredibly personal perspective. Gibbs has led a life guided by his commitment to Canada, and this book is the culmination of years of interest and research. The *Five Ages of Canada* begins with the First People, moves through the European exploration of the nation in the 1500s, the establishment of colonies, the fur trade, and the "Road to Confederation." Gibbs identifies the key moments along the journey to Confederation, and exactly why citizens should be proud to be a Canadian.

"The *Five Ages of Canada* is a refreshing, unabashed look at our country, spanning the ideas and impacts of time, geography and ourselves.... From the first peoples of Canada through to Confederation and today, *Five Ages* is a tour guide to ourselves.... Whimsically illustrated by the author ... worth reading as we celebrate our 150 years as a country." Chris Hadfield, Colonel, Astronaut, best-selling author of *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth* and *You Are Here*.

Five Ages of Canada is available for order from the FriesenPress bookstore, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and from most online book retailers. Readers can also purchase the ebook on Kindle, Nook, iTunes, Kobo and GooglePlay.

About the Author

Born in Britain, Graham Gibbs is proud to be Canadian, and has been a citizen since 1975. Now retired, Gibbs' personal and professional life have always been guided by his interest in Canada. Gibbs spent the final twenty two years of his career representing the Canadian Space Agency/Program in Washington DC, returning to Canada in 2010 to retire with his wife, Jay.

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