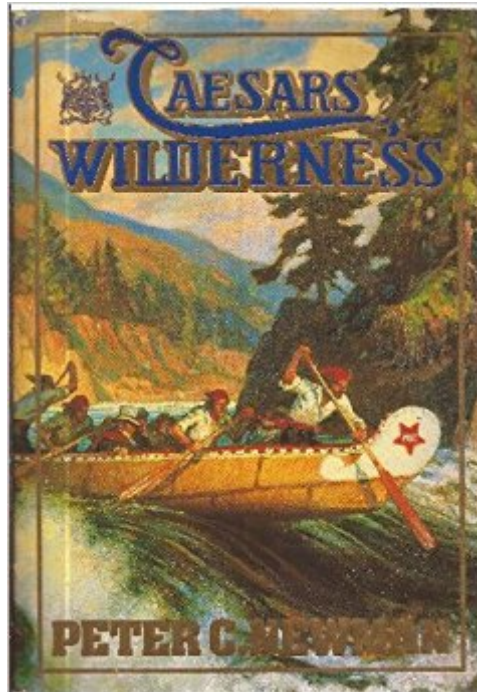


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Synopsis

This is the second volume in the history of the Hudson Bay Company, whose empire covered most of modern Canada and the Northwest United States. The proprietors were soldiers of fortune, mainly dispossessed Scots and Englishmen in the service of the Company of Adventurers of England, who became owners of one of history's most valuable and longest enduring land monopolies. "Caesars of the Wilderness" continues the saga historian Peter Newman began in "Company of Adventurers".

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Fine conclusion to the epic 3 volume set of the HBC story. Page after page a revelation to this average Canuck. The birth of the Canadian West- Red River settlements, Riel Rebellion, coming of the C.P.R. viewed as a complex, if hardball business deal between the rascally John A MacDonald and Canada's very own robber baron Donald Smith- detailed;warts and all. Commercial exploitation of the Canadian Native peoples and their lands to the present time here coherently depicted. The Bays final sad history in the coming of Canadian mass merchandising and corporate globalism, depicted in a portrait of its final owners, the charming Thompson boys, Roy Ken and David.

I read both volumes. The second volume was as fascinating as the first one. But if you are interested in Canadian history it is very fascinating not just about the HB but also how England and Canada was dealing with surging US immigrants to the West. You must not be interested in history. I am a

naturalized Canadian, both volumes kept my interest to the end.

This is, without question, the best historical book that I have read in many years! It is part of a three-book trilogy on how the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) shaped Canada. This second book is the strongest of the three, and focuses on the period from the 1600's to the early 1800's when the HBC was primarily engaged in the fur trade in Canada and essentially providing the civil, social and political structure to Canada west of Ontario. The descriptions of the Northwest Company and the struggles between them and the HBC are fascinating. As an American with French-Canadian and Cree ancestors who paddled for both the Northwest Company and the HBC, it was as if I found where I have come from. I gave this book to my mother's companion of 27 years as a Christmas present. He died in hospice in mid-March, but not before finishing this volume. He was a history buff, with no Canadian or British heritage, yet it fascinated him enough that he looked forward to reading it each day when he had enough strength. In his last days, I read to him out loud some of the passages that he particularly liked, such as the description of the goings-on at the Beaver Club in Montreal. A book that can give you something to look forward each day while you are dying of lung cancer has much to be said for it. Thank you, Peter, for this book!

This was a gift that was received in very short order and great full to be able to have the book for Book Club. thanks Heidi

This book is a review of a very successful real estate company in Canada. My more than exciting introduction is about how I felt about the book. There were facts, lots of them but overall no real excitement or much to get the normal reader interested in the book. I got through about 175 pages before I gave up. The author tried to punch up the book, but the subject matter did not lend its self to it, there is just noting scandalous or exciting about a well-run company. This is more of a 400-page case study best left to a university class on management. Unless you work here or are related to some on that does I doubt you would find much value in this book.

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