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### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

We always knew Canadian history could be fun, and Will Ferguson proves it in his second edition of *Canadian History for Dummies*. Approachable in the extreme, this text is fun because of Ferguson's undisputed gift for unearthing our national quirkiness and for illuminating those parts of our heritage that make us a unique people. At first the academic reader might register surprise at the choice of author for the Canadian history text in this wildly popular series, but this is truly a match made in editorial heaven. With his arrestingly titled *Bastards and Boneheads* and *Beauty Tips from Moose Jaw*, Ferguson has made a strong claim to being the light-hearted guardian of our national popular culture, and this book is true to form, with anecdotes, asides, bullets, and a fast-paced style this book makes Canadian history more user-friendly than ever before. Behind it all, however, is serious and comprehensive Canadian history. Ferguson acknowledges the help of Don Smith--one of our truly great academic historians and textbook authors--and his expertise is evident throughout. But, as headings like "Western alienation or that #% @!\* Trudeau" (382) and "Pemmican--Delicious and Nutritious" show, this is Ferguson's book, featuring his unparalleled gift at striking just the right note --*William Newbigging*

#### Review

#### Praise for Will Ferguson:

"Eminently readable and entertaining."

--*Vancouver Province*

"Pierre Berton with attitude."

--*Montreal Gazette*

"If Douglas Adams (*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*) and P.J. O'Rourke (*Holidays in Hell*) ever had an extraterrestrial Satanic love-child, it would probably write like Will Ferguson. That is, it would be observant, attitudinal, occasionally offensive and funny."

--*Los Angeles Times*

"The Brash Young Writer this country has needed for a long time."

--*Hamilton Spectator*

"Will Ferguson is a talent. He writes refreshingly, provocatively and sometimes eloquently."

--*Ottawa Citizen*

"Ferguson possesses a crafty eye for detail, not to mention a highly developed understanding of the essential folly in what passes for everyday life."

--*Edmonton Journal*

"[Ferguson] is the quintessential Canadian. He's as Canadian as toques and five percent beer....A Canadian's Canadian."

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"A wickedly funny book!"

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"Aggressively patriotic...Ferguson shows his love for Canada the way an older brother shows his love for a younger sibling—with a wedgie."

--*Charlottetown Guardian*

"...reverent, incisive, and informative...I give it a resounding five out of five maple leafs."

--*Kinston Whig-Standard*

"A smooth read...Ferguson is both insightful and hilarious."

--*Georgia Straight* (Vancouver)

#### **Praise for *Bastards & Boneheads: Canada's Glorious Leaders Past and Present*:**

"Ferguson...[gives us] an utterly hilarious tour of our historical contradictions."

--*Calgary Straight*

"Don't be fooled. Beneath the campy rhetoric lies a serious and impressively researched narrative of the pivotal events in Canadian history."

--*National Post*

"Ferguson is Canada's myth-buster extraordinaire....His writing is concise, easily digestible, humourous, dramatic, frank, and sometimes shocking."

--*New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal*

"Lively, knowledgeable, opinionated, disrespectful, debatable and immensely readable."

--*Montreal gazette*

"A rip-snorting, rib-tickling, white water ride through this country's rich history of outrageous political scandals."

--*See Magazine* (Edmonton)

"Who says Canadian history isn't fun?"

--*Ottawa Citizen*

#### **From the Back Cover**

*Canadian History For Dummies, 2nd edition* takes readers on a wild ride through Canadian history, from its first nations heritage right through to Paul Martin's shaky minority government. Previous sections have been revised with up-to-the-minute scholarship, and a new chapter covers the eventful half-decade since the publication of the first edition. In his trademark irreverent style, Will Ferguson celebrates Canada's double-gold in hockey at the 2002 Olympics, investigates Jean Chrétien's decision not to participate in the war in Iraq, and dissects the sponsorship scandal.

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