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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 "embrothered 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.

This is a well written brief history of the Province of Quebec, Canada. A good, short read for anyone interested in the history of French Canada, especially for anyone who is contemplating a trip to Quebec in the near future.

This book is an excellent overview of the population of Eastern Canada and how and when the colonists from France and elsewhere came to populate the Quebec and Nova Scotia regions, formerly called Acadia and how and when the Acadians migrated from France in the 1600's during the Louis XIV reign of abuse of the people in his kingdom, due to his over taxing to support his extravagant lifestyle! It is being used by myself because these people are my ancestors, and this book is an excellent read, on my forefathers, and how they survived, populated and built up the region called Quebec! This is an excellent read for persons looking for their ancestry from France and the history of the French Canadians!
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.

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.

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.

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.

Shows why Quebec has a split French/English personality. A little wordy. (In my opinion, it’s overkill to tell what each Parliament member said on various historic occasions.) The book doesn’t tell what makes Quebec viable and livable.

As an English Quebecker, 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.

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