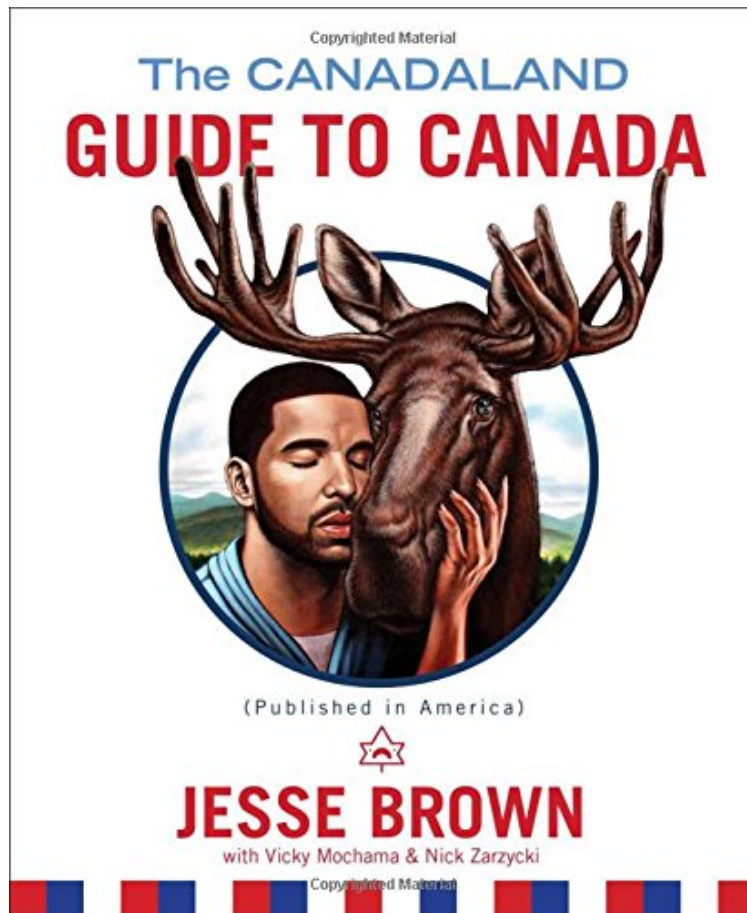


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Jesse Brown, Vicky Mochama, Nick Zarzycki : The Canadaland Guide to Canada before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Canadaland Guide to Canada:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A hilarious collection of weird, embarrassing, obscene and shameful facts about America's not-so-polite Northern NeighbourBy CDGKThis book tries really hard to make you feel ashamed to be Canadian. Canada is known as a polite and progressive country, and while that's generally true, we also have A LOT of skeletons in our closet. This book takes all of them out and shakes them in your face for the world to see. It dispenses a lot of myths about Canada that other countries have been parroting for so long that we've started to believe them ourselves. Some of these stories are just silly. Like when American Civil War Veterans invaded Canada in 1866, the head of our military and soon-to-be first Prime Minister, John A. MacDonald, spent the entire battle drunk in his office. Or the fact that in the early days, the government tricked people into moving here by never mentioning the weather or the word "snow" in their immigration material. Some of the stories are also horrifying. For example, did you know the Indian Act was actually the inspiration for South African government's apartheid policy? It just goes on and on like that. Page after page of hundreds of short stories, facts and quotes, just hitting you like a machine gun full

of Tim Hortons donuts. It's hilarious and cringe-worthy, but it's almost too much. I had to take breaks from it a few times because it was an onslaught of information overload. It's probably better to be read in snippets and funny chunks instead of trying to power through in one sitting. Much like a fine poutine, one cannot gorge oneself too deeply lest one risk throwing up all over the place (I think I screwed up that metaphor, but you get my point). The level of sarcasm is orbital, which kind of actually distracts from the sheer ridiculousness and extreme unbelievability of some of the true stories. My one complaint is that Brown tries to be a bit too cheeky at times; the stories are over-the-top and funny by themselves, his snide remarks and sarcasm actually made me question which parts were actually true and which were his exaggeration, which led me to have to look up a few of the crazier-sounding facts. Which, come to think of it, may have been his point. All in all, this is a terrific reference that every Canadian should read. So should every non-Canadian actually. God knows we can stand to be taken down a peg or three; we spend enough time mocking Americans that it's only fair we take a good hard look at ourselves, too.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Different side of Jesse Brown than his Canadaland podcasts
By J. A. Kunzler
It's an OK work of writing pictures, but for someone as thoughtful as Jesse Brown on his Canadaland podcasts - the irreverent writings and John Stewart-esque jokes show a different side of Jesse. Jesse is normally very analytical, a bit serious. Don't expect that thoughtful style here. Frankly, Jesse's next book should be a transcript or collection of some of his great podcasts. But that's one man's opinion.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Sid Cawthorn
This book is hilarious!

Do you think of Canada as that “nice” country with free health care, majestic woodlands, and polite people? Think again. The CANADALAND Guide to Canada (Published in America) is an outrageous exposé of Canada’s secrets, scandals, and occasional awkward lapses in proper etiquette. Inside, you’ll find illustrations, maps, quizzes, and charts that answer the most pressing questions about Canadian history, politics, and culture, such as: -Canadian cuisine and sexuality: Do they exist? -What does “sorry” actually mean? -Justin Bieber, Rob Ford, Malcolm Gladwell: Why? -What is Québec? -Should I f**** the prime minister? This absurd guide digs up everything from buried rage to buried oil, uncovering Canada’s bizarre history and shocking present. One thing is certain: you’ll never look at a Canadian the same way again.

"The Canadaland Guide to Canada seeks to shatter the idyllic image that outsiders have of the country and expose its little-known dark side. The volume is a humorous (or is that humourous?) journey through Canadian history, politics, and culture accompanied by illustrations, diagrams, maps, quizzes, and timelines." (Entertainment Weekly)
"The Canadaland Guide to Canada is that perfect Stewartian mixture of scathing and hilarious... This is a book of weaponized jokes about a country that has spent more than a century burnishing its credentials by blithely asserting its moral and temperamental superiority to its erratic and flamboyant southern neighbour—and every shot hits its mark." (BoingBoing.net)
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