

Sladds' Algonquin Bibliography

Algonquin Park History & Lore:

Ron Tozer & Nancy Checko, **Algonquin Provincial Park Bibliography.**

Whitney, ON: Friends of Algonquin, 2009, 116pp.

A definitive listing of all publications dealing with the Park.

Standfield & Lundell, **Algonquin: The Park and its People.**

Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1993, 196pp.

Nice coffee table effort. Better information than Reynolds&Dyke, some great Park mood photography, and some nice profiles of Park characters. Standfield is an Ahmek boy, and that shines through. His father, though, was chief biologist there for years. Liz Lundell also wrote the Camps book about the Park. Today, Standfield is a buddy of Jack Hurley.

Reynolds & Dyke, **Algonquin.**

Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1983, 96pp.

Fine photography of Park scenes and wildlife. The leading coffee table book on the Park in the 1980s (I think they did another edition early '90s).

G.D. Garland, ed., **Glimpses of Algonquin: Thirty Personal Impressions From Earliest Times to the Present.**

Whitney: Friends of Algonquin Park, 1989, 163pp.

Must read! Here are journal entries and essays never before collected in a convenient and affordable single anthology. A good choice for middle school readers and up, you can learn a lot about Algonquin from just this book.

Kirby Whiteduck. **Algonquin Traditional Culture.**

York University: Council of the Algonquins, 2002, 150pp.

Professor Whiteduck published excellent research here, into what is understood of early Algonquin activity in the Ottawa Valley and the present-day Park. Good bibliography as well, if you are a scholar.

Niall MacKay, **Over The Hills To Georgian Bay: The Ottawa, Arnprior, and Parry Sound Railway.**

Erin, Ont: Boston Mill Press, 1981, 143pp.

Excellent rail buff history of the railroad built through Algonquin by J.R. Booth between 1893-96, to shortcut the trans-great lakes route for grain, to bring more timber out of the Park area than river drives could, and eventually to bring tourists and cottagers. Good photographs, and a great virtual trip narrated from solid research and great buff's imagination. Read before traveling the railbed!

Mac Rand, ed., **Paddles Flashing in the Sun: The Stories of Pathfinder in Algonquin Park.**

[privately published], 1995, 314pp.

The one and only. Available at the Pathfinder Candy Store. Mac organized great pictures and memories from alumni of all ages for this anthology, tracing Pathfinder's landmark events and people from 1914 to the 1990s.

Strickland & Rutter, **The Best of The Raven.**

Whitney: Friends of Algonquin Park, 1993, 220pp.

The Raven is Algonquin's official newsletter, and covers topics from animals to plants in Algonquin, to human history in the Park, to evidence of fascinating trends in the Park like evidence of climate change or changes in the health of, or knowledge about, famous Park species like wolves, bear, moose and more. Middle school readers and older.

Jeff Miller, **Rambling Through Algonquin Park.**

[privately published], 1990, 24pp.

Jeff attended Pathfinder as a camper in the '40s and remained in the area to become a painter and arts educator. He has been very active in advocating for protection of Algonquin. His book is a collection of great paintings he's made of Park canoe routes, along with his own brand of remembrances and essays on Park life.

Sandy Gage, **A Few Rustic Huts: Ranger Cabins and Logging Camp Buildings of Algonquin Park.**

Oakville: Mosaic Press, 1985, 93pp.

This photographic portfolio of ruined cabins and camp buildings was so intriguing to me in the '80s that I took trips to find as many of them as possible. They are even more decayed now, so Sandy's photos and text are invaluable. The stove in the Highview cabin on the Nipissing River is a treasured artifact. [Sandy went to Pathfinder]

Ottelyn Addison, **Early Days in Algonquin Park.**

Toronto: McGraw, Hill, Ryerson, 1974, 144pp.

Mrs. Addison is the daughter of Park ranger Mark Robinson, who knew Tom Thomson during his incredibly productive Canoe lake years, cared for the famous Grey Owl (Archie Belaney) when he froze his feet sneaking into A.P., and presided over the evolution of Algonquin into its modern period. Great core information in this book on the Park.

Wm. T. Little, **The Tom Thomson Mystery.**

Toronto: McGraw, Hill, Ryerson, 1970, 239pp.

Little and other Ahmek alumni decided to dig up the Thomson gravesite behind Mowat because they were certain he was still there. Very questionable behavior, but an interesting read. They escaped legal prosecution when they indeed found a body, but it wasn't marked and it wasn't Thomson's. Apparently it was that of a native person who died after Thomson, but may have been buried in his place.

Addison & Harwood, **Tom Thomson: The Algonquin Years.**

Toronto: McGraw, Hill, Ryerson, 1975, 97pp.

Mrs. Addison subsequently won the Friends of Algonquin award for her books and long advocacy for the Park. Here she relies on her father Mark Robinson's friendship with Thomson, and on the solid research of Mrs. Harwood. Good basic background to Thomson.

Edmund M. Kase, Jr., **Jack Gervais: Ranger and Friend.**

[privately published], 1972, 63pp.

Dr. Kase was a college professor who got the cottage lease on Brule lake, and for years was pals with the ranger there for the main street routes around Burnt Island, Grassy Bay and Big Trout. Ranger Jack Gervais, a living legend, is seen here as a family man as well as a classic Park ranger from the early days. Dr. Kase has passed on, but was a valued friend to Pathfinder.

Ralph Bice, **Along The Trail in Algonquin Park.**

Scarborough: Consolidated Amethyst, 1980, 156pp.

This book is a classic! A memoir of his Park days by a well-known local trapper, guide and newspaper columnist on the west side of the Park. Eagle Lake was renamed Butt Lake for being in Butt Township, but after Bice's death the lake was renamed once again as Ralph Bice Lake. The book was republished in a Park Centennial edition (1993) with additional material, and has gone through many reprintings since then. Another good read for kids and adults alike.

Michael W.P. Runtz, **The Explorer's Guide To Algonquin Park.**

Toronto: Stoddart, 1993, 168pp.

Nice book to have in the car and use while traveling to all the Park access points. Also gives precise locations and tips for viewing wildlife, and a note on viewing etiquette.

Doug Mackey. **The Kiosk Story: The Saga of Life, Logging & Lumbering Around Northwest Algonquin Park.**

Toronto: Past Forward Heritage, 2007, 112pp.

Great look back at the Staniforth Lumber Co. and its mill and village at Kiosk. Many of us remember the mill and the activity there, up until it burned in 1973. Recalls a different time and way of life in the Park. Great for young readers, too! Mackey and his son have done other excellent projects on Cedar Lake and Brent, and Park logging.

Literary Efforts:

John D. Robins, **The Incomplete Anglers.**

New York: Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1944, 230pp.

Light reading for the wartime audience, Robins' self-deprecating account follows him and his brother on a fishing trip which starts with a train trip in to Radiant Lake, down the Pet. to the Crow River junction, fishing there at the Forks, the trip on into Lavielle and Dickson, and from there to Opeongo. The style is very old fashioned and convoluted, but little scenes are good.

Bernard Wicksteed, **Joe Lavally and The Paleface.**

Toronto: Wm Collins & Sons, 1948, 191pp.

Wicksteed took a guided trip from Highland Inn in 1945, while killing time waiting for military transport back to Britain after the war. This is an excellent book, which must have done its part to attract thousands of war-weary veterans to Algonquin.

Roy MacGregor, **Canoe Lake (formerly titled Shorelines)**

Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1980, 298pp.

Better than you might think, for its covers and intro. make it seem like a romance novel. It's actually a plausible account of the Thomson mystery in the form of a solid novel, with some excellent characters, and generous servings of the bittersweet taste of working people's life in turn of the century Park.

Roy MacGregor, **A Life in the Bush: Lessons from My Father.**

Toronto: Penguin Books, 1999, 374pp.

This award-winning memoir of MacGregor's father, Duncan MacGregor, an Algonquin lumber camp foreman and scaler, won acclaim across Canada. Roy MacGregor is a columnist and author who often refers to his lifelong association with Algonquin Park and the towns and villages around it. MacGregor is also author of the popular children's series *The Screech Owls*, about the adventures of a youth hockey team.

Davidson & Rugge, **Great Heart: The History of a Labrador Adventure.**

Montreal: MacGill-Queens University Press 2006 / New York: Viking Penguin 1988, 391pp.

James West Davidson and John Rugge made canoe trip history with their 1980s Moisie River classic guide book, *The Complete Wilderness Paddler*. Their college canoe trips fostered a lifelong love and interest in the far north for the two men. Davidson went on to become an historian and Rugge a physician, but they continued to research the famous and fatal expedition of Leonidas Hubbard, Dillon Wallace and their Cree guide George Elson around 1904. Hubbard starved to death in Labrador on the trip, and his widow Mina Hubbard hired Elson for a repeat journey which she took to complete the ill-fated route. Adding to the drama was that she raced Mr. Wallace who set out with his party for a second try. Great Heart is written as a narrative and has the feeling of a novel. Very well done, but read the original journals, too!

The Wood and Canvas Canoe / Paddling & Tripping:

Bill Mason, **The Path of the Paddle: An Illustrated Guide to the Art of Canoeing.**

Toronto: Van Norstrand, Reinhold Ltd., 1980, 200pp.

Every Pathfinder paddler should have a personal copy of this classic book.

Bill Mason, **Song of the Paddle: An Illustrated Guide to Wilderness Camping.**

Toronto: Key Porter Books, 1988, 186pp.

The next volume in Mason's treatment of canoeing in the back country in a safe, effective, traditional manner.

Davidson & Rugge, **The Complete Wilderness Paddler.**

New York: Vintage Books, 1983, 260pp.

Two Harvard Med. students in the '70s geared up and paddled the Moisie R. in southern Labrador. They have recorded solid information on extended trips in remote locales, but they tend to overpack, and the reader will too if he follows all their advice.

Canoe Atlas of the Little North ...

Related Adirondack Material:

Manley & Jamieson, **Rushton and His Times in American Canoeing.**

Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1968, 203pp.

About Rushton's fancy Adirondack canoes and guide boats.

Nathan Farb, **The Adirondacks.**

New York: Rizzoli, 1985, 183pp.

Coffee Table book. Farb is the annointed chief photographer of the Park.

Canadiana and North American Canoe Country History:

Calvin Rustrum, **Way of the Wilderness.**

(Bill Mason's mentor)

Brian Banks, **Canada From Space.**

Toronto: Camden House, 1989, 120pp.

Images of Canada from space, which show impact of man. Scary.

Robertson & Shackleton, **The Canoe.**

Toronto: MacMillan, 1983, 279pp.

Authoritative text on native paddle craft in North America. Beautiful illustrations.

Tom Klein, **Loon Magic.**

Wisconsin: Northword Press, 1989, 164pp.

Ode to loons coffee table book, good basic description of their life cycle.

Donald MacKay, **The Lumberjacks.**

Montreal: McGraw, Hill, Ryerson, 1978, 319 pp.

Excellent secondary text on lumbering economics, practice, culture, and sociology, with plenty of attention to east coast and upper Ottawa Valley lumbering.

Peter C. Newman, **Company of Adventurers.** Toronto: Penguin, 1985, 565pp.

Peter C. Newman, **Caesars of the Wilderness.** Toronto: Penguin, 1987, 590pp.

Peter C. Newman, **Merchant Princes.** Toronto: Penguin, 1991, 684pp.

Newman's trilogy is the best popular history treatment of the Hudson's Bay Company. Among thousands of insights to be gained is that the fur trade completely circumvented the Algonquin highlands in the 18th and early 19th century. All the momentum was toward the Athabasca country. Fascinating epic well told.

Francis Parkman, **Lasalle and The Discovery of the Great West.**

New York: Signet Classics, 1963, 352pp.

Parkman originally wrote this epic treatise in the 1800's.

Emma Helen Blair, **The Indian Tribes of the Upper Mississippi Valley and Region of the Great Lakes.**

Vol. 1, Univ. Nebraska Press, 1996 (1911), 412pp.

Excellent scholarly treatise, exhaustive.

Eric W. Morse, **Fur Trade Canoe Routes of Canada - Then and Now.**

Toronto: Univ. Toronto Press, 1971, 124pp.

Morse researches like a scholar, then actually paddles these voyageur routes! Incredible book, also a nice forward by Pierre Trudeau.

Farley Mowat, **Coppermine Journey.**

Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1958, 162pp.

Pritchard, Evan T. **NO WORD FOR TIME, The Way of the Algonquin.**

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