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101 Reasons Everyone Wants to Be Canadian

New Chicken Soup for the Soul Collection Showcases the Best of the Nation

COS COB, Connecticut, USA – Canada is known for warm people and cold winters, vibrant cities and wide open spaces, national pride combined with a cultural mosaic, and its humorous, yet hard-working citizens. And these days, Canada, a relatively young nation at age 150, is looking better than ever to the rest of the world. You'll know why after you read the 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Spirit of Canada* (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark & Janet Matthews; June 6, 2017, 978-1-61159-966-8, \$17.95 Can.).

You'll be inspired when you read about Rahaf Bi's escape from war-torn Syria as she embarks on her own desperate journey to freedom and a new life in Canada. Experience the Fort McMurray fire firsthand as firefighter Anthony Hoffman relays his personal odyssey through those gruelling days fighting "The Beast" and losing his two homes – and then be touched as he shares how profoundly it changed him. Be amused by John Silver's canoe trip up north, when he and his buddies had to drink enough Molson beer to make aluminum patches to duct-tape onto their damaged canoe. And get just a little jealous when you read about Darryl Pottie's quest to get Sidney Crosby to stop by his house and sign his jersey, which Sidney did... while Darryl was at work!

And then there is the diversity. Be it geography, language, climate or culture, diversity is what Canada's all about. With stories from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, from Yellowknife to Prince Edward Island and every city and province in between, the stories in this book are as diverse as the people who make up this magnificent country. You'll love the stories inspired by heroes Terry Fox and Rick Hansen, the tales from Canada's remote far north and its First Nations people, and the touching stories about Canada's role in World War II and the grateful Europeans who still remember.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Spirit of Canada takes readers on an entertaining, yet educational, journey through the best of Canada. What a great read, and a great gift, for Canadians and wanna-be-Canadians of all ages. This is summer reading that will work for everyone on your list, from beaches to mountains, from commuters to cottagers.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world's favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, "chicken soup for the soul" is one of the world's best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 24 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, education programs, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as the company continues "changing the world one story at a time®."

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