



Hudson's Bay Company: From Fur Trading to a Political and Economic Powerhouse

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Archive.org and Google Books have digitized many old books, as well as modern reprints. The wealth of information available is astonishing and easy to access.

For a general interest economic history from a First Nations perspective, see *I Have Lived Here Since the World Began* by Arthur Ray (Key Porter, 1996).

For an overview of the culture and history of Indigenous peoples across northern North America, see Olive Patricia Dickason's *Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times* (Oxford University Press, 2008).

For a discussion of women in fur trade society, see Sylvia Van Kirk's *Many Tender Ties* (Watson and Dwyer, 1996) and Jennifer Brown's *Strangers in Blood* (University of British Columbia Press, 1980).

For more information on disease in the Company's territory during the fur trade era, see Gerald N. Grob's *The Deadly Truth: A History of Disease in America* (Harvard University Press, 2002) and Paul Hackett's *A Very Remarkable Sickness: Epidemics in the Petit Nord, 1670 to 1846* (University of Manitoba Press, 2002).

For an excellent biography of Pierre Esprit Radisson, see Marc Bourrie's *Bushrunner* (Biblioasis, 2019).

For information on Thanadelthur, the origin of the name and the representation over time, see Patricia A. McCormack's essay at http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/55/thanadelthur.shtml.

On James Knight, see John Geiger and Owen Beattie's *Dead Silence: The Greatest Mystery in Arctic Discovery* (Bloomsbury, 1993).

For the full story of Samuel Hearne, and Matonabbee, see Ken McGoogan's *Ancient Mariner* (Phyllis Bruce Books/Perennial, 2004). Also by McGoogan is *Fatal Passage* (Phyllis Bruce Books/Perennial, 2002), about John Rae, the great overland explorer of the Arctic and the Northwest Passage, who was a Company employee. Rae's story didn't fit within this book's narrative, but his personal explorations are incredible and McGoogan's story telling is first-rate.

On Matonabbee, see Strother Roberts's "The Life and Death of Matonabbee: Fur Trade and Leadership Among the Chipewyan" in *Manitoba History*, http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/mb_history/ss/matonabbee.shtm.

On Alexander Mackenzie, see Derek Hayes's *First Crossing: Alexander Mackenzie, His Expedition Across North America, and the Opening of the Continent* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2003).

For a good biography of David Thompson, see D'Arcy Jenish's *Epic Wanderer* (Doubleday Canada, 2003).

For a good biography of George Simpson, see James Raffan's *Emperor of the North* (Harper Collins, 2008).

For a fascinating investigation into the murder of John McLoughlin Jr. in 1842, see Debra Komar's *The Bastard of Fort Stikine* (Goose Lane Editions, 2015).

For greater details on James and Amelia Douglas, see John Adams's *Old Square Toes and His Lady* (TouchWood Editions, 2011).

For a quirky and informative history of beavers, see Frances Backhouse's *Once They Were Hats: In Search of the Mighty Beaver* (ECW, 2015).

For a fascinating narrative of John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur Company and Fort Astoria, see Peter Stark's *Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire* (Ecco, 2015).