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Website of the week

Hbc Heritage Program



Hudson's Bay Company's
"Exploring Our History"
PROGRAM
Our History is Canada's History... and it's FREE for the asking!

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In 1780, when Hudson's Bay Company first introduced its emblematic, multi-striped "point" blanket, Hbc had already been in business for almost 130 years, its story woven into the fabric of Canada's earliest history. From York Factory to James Bay, Fort Garry to Vancouver Island, Hbc traders were busy exploring the country that was to become the Canada we know today and building outposts that developed into settlements. If you've ever wondered about the origins of many of the towns, cities, public spaces and historical properties that Canadians live in and enjoy today, check out [Hbc's Heritage website](#) and these free educational publications.

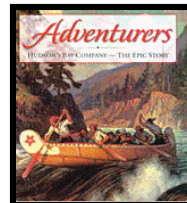
Tales from the Bay — Comic Book & Teacher's Guide — Re-release

Tales from the Bay is a comic book featuring three stories drawn from Hbc's rich history. Originally published in 1995 to help celebrate Hbc's 325th anniversary, *Tales from the Bay* has remained a favourite of teachers and students. *Tales from the Bay* uses the universally appealing comic-book style to make history accessible to students. A detailed Teacher's Guide, created by teachers for teachers, helps integrate the content into lesson plans. Educators can order the teacher's guide and class set of comic books at www.4edu.ca/tors/hbctales.



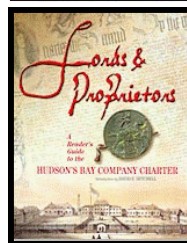
Adventurers — Hudson's Bay Company — The Epic Story, 2000

Hbc's hallmark publication, introduced in 2000, is a lavishly illustrated book, by noted Canadian historian Christopher Moore which provides an overview of the company's history from the first voyage of the *Nonsuch* in 1668 to modern day. Students can experience the lives of the hardy trappers and traders, the bitter rivalries of the Baymen and the Nor'Westers, the settlement of the West and the Company's expansion into the far North. The cast of real-life characters includes Radisson, des Groseilliers, Prince Rupert, Samuel Hearne, John Rae and Lord Strathcona.



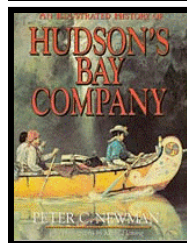
Lords & Proprietors — A Reader's Guide to the Hudson's Bay Company Charter, 2004

Intended for senior students, this colourful and well-crafted book features an updated text of the Hudson's Bay Company Royal Charter including its provisions of incorporation and historical significance. Timely issues such as corporate governance, reporting and shareholder rights can be viewed in their historical context. In-depth features include the Coat of Arms, the original investors and the Deed of Surrender. Each copy includes a full colour poster of the Charter's first page.



The Illustrated History of Hudson's Bay Company, by Peter C. Newman, 2002

Available free of charge to school libraries only while supplies last! Originally published as *Empire of the Bay*, this book is a single-volume edition of Newman's famous *Company of Adventurers* trilogy. This beautifully illustrated softcover edition includes a revised final chapter.



To order these wonderful publications and to learn more about Hbc Heritage resources, [click here](#). [\[Source: Hbcheritage.ca\]](http://Source:Hbcheritage.ca)

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