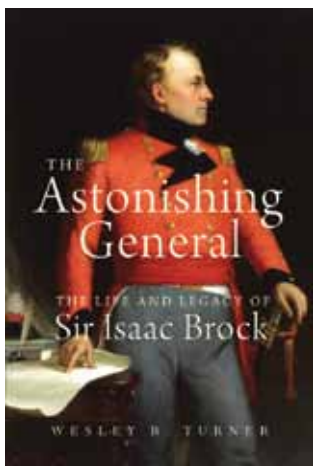


The Astonishing General: The Life and Legacy of Sir Isaac Brock

By Wesley B. Turner



Not all books on history are as compelling as this one. It reads like a personal biography of Isaac Brock while providing the political and military context of his time. Author Wesley B.

Turner provides a convincing answer to the question of “how a British general whose military role in that two-and-a-half year war lasted less than five months became the best known hero, and one revered far and wide.”

With the War of 1812 bicentennial commemorations beginning this year, especially the Battle of Queenston Heights, this book is a delightful way to understand local history.

Dundurn Press, \$35, 2011

Bats

By Phil Richardson



Incredible photography captures the mysterious behaviour of bats in this richly illustrated, comprehensive reference book of bats around the world.

Like too many animals, bats are dying out due to thoughtless human behaviour, such as deforestation, the use of insecticides and hunting. Diseases have decimated fruit bat populations and in North America, “white-nose syndrome” is thought to be killing tens of thousands of bats each winter. A chapter on bat conservation suggests that installing bat boxes can help.

Firefly Books, \$19.95, 2011

The Ontario Table

By Lynn Ogryzlo



This is a joyful celebration of 20 food-producing areas in Ontario, including most of the areas close to the Niagara Escarpment. Recipes are

mingled among short descriptions of small food businesses while beautiful photographs of raw food, cooked dishes, farms and farmers encourage you to experience local foods for yourself. The book issues an interesting challenge: “If every household in Ontario spent just \$10 of their grocery budget on local foods each week, there would be a \$2.4 billion dollar influx into the provincial economy each year!”

Epulum Books, \$29.95, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS from The Book Band: a collaboration with Escarpment Views

In a Company of Fiddlers

by Rob Ritchie



This brilliant second novel by Rob Ritchie of Warton, Ontario tells the story of an emerging singer and a troubled love affair. At the height

of her successful singing career, the great Margaret Calloway retires to the family farm on the Bruce Peninsula. Set against the backdrop of a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, *In a Company of Fiddlers* shifts through time, moving to a surprising climax.

Seraphim Editions, \$22.95

Shoo-fly Dyck

by John Janzen Kooistra



Richard ‘Shoo-fly’ Dyck is a Menno-nite workaholic trying to save the family farm from bankruptcy who can throw a baseball at more than 100 miles per hour, with either arm. The

Toronto Blue Jays are very interested. Meanwhile, an ex-prostitute is stalked across Canada while trying to escape her past. An entertaining off-beat blend of pathos and high comedy.

Catchfire Press, \$19.95

Drowned, They Said

by Michael Nelson



In this very personal account, Michael Nelson explores his Métis family history following a visit to the grave of his grandfather, Bernhard Anders Nelson, who was an experienced hunter

and trapper in the Lake Superior region of northern Ontario.

Seraphim Editions, \$21.95

King Joe, a Matter of Treason: the Life and Times of Joseph Willcocks

by John B. Lee



Irish immigrant Joseph Willcocks, trusted by Isaac Brock to negotiate the support of the

Six Nations in the war, was branded a traitor after the War of 1812. A thoughtful exploration of a man who ultimately turns his back on his adopted home and offers his services to the Americans.

Heronwood Enterprises, \$13.95

Prices include postage. **To order:** make your cheque out to “The Book Band.” **Mail to:** Escarpment Views, 50 Ann St., Georgetown, ON L7G 2V2.

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Coming events

Weekends Feb. 11 to April 1;
March Break (March 12-16)
Sugar Bush Adventure
White Meadows Farms, St. Catharines
whitemeadowsfarms.com 905 682 0642

Weekends March 3 to April 9;
March 4 **Flapjack Olympics**
March Break (March 12-16)
Maple Syrup Time
Mountsberg Conservation Area
conservationhalton.ca 905 854 2276

Sundays in March (4, 11, 18 & 25);
Wed. & Thurs. in March Break (14 & 15)
Maple Syrup Festival
Westfield Heritage Village
westfieldheritage.ca 1-800-883-0104

March 24 & 25
The Old-Tyme Maple Syrup Festival
Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area
saugeenconservation.com/maplesyrup.php

April 14
Halton Eco Festival
Glen Abbey Rec Centre, Oakville
oakvillepeacecentre.org/haltonecofest

to April 15
Chocolate: The Exhibition
Royal Botanical Gardens
rbg.ca/chocolate 905 527 1158

May 22
International Day for Biodiversity
Halton Peel BioDiversity Network
mainstreambiodiversity.ca 905 873 1820

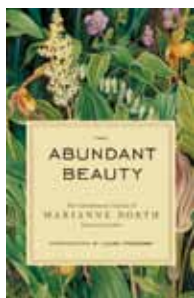
June 2 & 3
Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek
Battlefield Park, Stoney Creek
battlefieldhouse.ca 905 662 8458



June 23, 24
**21st Canadian International Military
Tattoo & Festival**
Copps Coliseum, Hamilton
canadianmilitarytattoo.ca
1-888-523-1753

July 21 & 22 **Art in the Park**
Happy Hearts Tent and Trailer Park, Tobermory
happyheartspark.com 519 596 2455

Worth Considering



***Abundant Beauty:
The Adventurous
Travels of
Marianne North,
Botanical Artist***

Greystone Books, \$19.95



***The Shaw Festival:
The First Fifty Years***

by L.W. Conolly

Oxford University Press, \$50

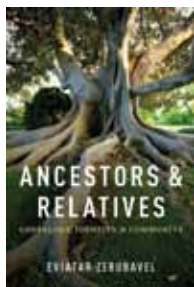


***Wolf: Legend,
Enemy, Icon***

by Rebecca L. Grambo

Firefly Books, \$24.95

Recently Received



***Ancestors
& Relatives:
Genealogy, Identity,
& Community***

by Eviatar Zerubavel

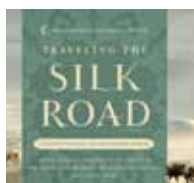
Oxford University Press, \$24.95



***Auroras: Fire
in the Sky***

by Dan Bortolotti

Firefly Books, \$19.95



***Traveling The Silk
Road: Ancient
Pathway to the
Modern World***

by The American Museum
of Natural History *et al.*

Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.,
\$40
