

**Bookworm**

# Books make terrific gifts to give at Christmastime

by Shirley Whittington  
This year more people are discovering that books make great gifts. They are easy to wrap, and if you're a fast and careful reader you can enjoy them yourself before you give them away.

Local bookstores report a run on Pierre Berton's *My Country*, a collection

of 18 tales covering Canadian life over several centuries. As well as the stories, some of which Berton has told over television, the book includes maps, drawings and historic photographs.

Barry Broadfoot's *Ten Lost Years* was a great hit with Canadian readers, and his latest, *The Pioneer Years* is a big seller this year. Broadfoot has interviewed men and women who settled and civilized the West. Their stories of hardship have been recorded into a collection of Canadiana that will find its way under many Christmas trees this year.

There are lots of hockey books available, but the most sought after seems to be *The Leafs*, by Stan Obodiac. With lots of pictures, it details the first 50 years of one of hockey's most popular teams. The book includes records of all the teams and players, plus coaches, management families fire friends and enemies.

A perennial favourite is *The Guinness Book of Records*. The newest edition has a 32 page Canadian section added and it's a popular entry on Christmas shopping lists.

The second volume of John Diefenbaker's *One Canada* memoirs is another popular book buy this year. The first volume *The Crusading Years* was an instant hit.

The second edition, called *The Years of Achievement* is proving to be just as popular with Christmas shoppers. In this book, Diefenbaker tells the inside story of the years from 1956 to 1962 - years which saw the Pipeline debate, and the overwhelming Conservative victory of 1957.

Books of photographs of everything from old mills to movie stars are still big seasonal sellers. *Between Friends* tops the list in this category. Funny books? There are lots of them. Eric Idle of Monty Python has contributed the *It's a Dirty Weekend Book* which is naughty enough to come with a detachable paper cover. Selections from the Stephen Leacock award-winning books have been compiled into *The Leacock Medal Treasury* and there's a new Gregory Clark book, *Things That Go Squeak in the Night*.

Gage has brought out another Charlie Farquarson called the *K-O-R-N Allmynack*. It's full of the fractured Farquarisms we've all (well, some of us) have learned to love, like "...in yer Middlest...the only carol they seem to sing is No oil, No oil," and "Is Tiny Tim becum the ghost writer in the sky?"

The *Allmynack* is liberally sprinkled with ads couched in decorous almanac language, with a

Farquarson twist. "Make your own gas...send us the money and you will get the shaft."

Also high on Christmas shoppers' lists are

Barbara Frum's *As It Happened*, Ben Wick's *Canada*, Farley Mowatt's *The Snowwalker* and cookbooks of all kinds. The message is clear.

Books make good gifts. Compliments of 'er Now, as Charlie Festered season, and buy Farquarson says, 'er cards from Unisex'

## Happy Cooker

There are those who do not like Christmas cake, and General Foods suggests this cherry bread as a toothsome substitute.

- 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
  - 3/4 cup sugar
  - 3 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 egg slightly beaten
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1/4 cup maraschino cherry juice
  - 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
  - 1 cup Post Bran Flakes
  - 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries
  - 1/4 cup chopped nuts
  - 1/4 cup raisins
- Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into mixing bowl. Combine egg, milk, juice and butter. Add to flour mixture with the cereal, stirring just until all flour is moistened. Add cherries, nuts and raisins.
- Pour batter into a greased 9 x 5 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50-60 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool before slicing. Or wrap well and store overnight to mellow flavours before slicing.

## Safety tips to make Christmas bright and jolly

Deck the halls with holly, by all means, but stay away from jolly. Here are some tips from the Ontario Safety League that will help you provide a safe and happy holiday season in your house.

During the holidays, furniture is often moved about to accommodate the tree and other Christmas decor, disrupting the ordinary household traffic patterns. Falls are more likely. So, take care as you move from room to room. Keep a night light on in strategic areas if your home includes an invalid or elderly person who might be confused by the changes.

Buy a fresh tree. Branches should be springy and the needles tight. Saw an inch of the trunk off diagonally and keep water in the stand. Treat your live tree the same as you would fresh-cut flowers.

Check the lights before you put them on the tree for broken insulation and loose sockets. Look for the CSA (Canadian Standards Association) label on the package when buying new strings. Use outdoor lights outdoors...indoor lights inside.

Place the tree away from any heat source - radiators, fireplaces, wall heaters, TV sets. And, of course, never use real candles on it - or around any flammable decorations.

Don't string lights on metallic trees. That's a shock hazard. Use indirect lighting. Unplug holiday lighting before you go to bed or when you leave the house.

During the season there are more open flames from fireplaces and candles. Keep combustible materials away from them. Don't burn gift wrapping or boughs in the fireplace. Don't overload circuits. Use extension cords sparingly.

The Ontario Safety League reminds you that Christmas is for living, safely.

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