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## Champlain

by Christopher Moore

with archival artwork, maps, and artifacts, additional illustrations by Francis Back

“One July day four hundred years ago, Samuel de Champlain stepped out of a small boat and began a great adventure.” So begins Christopher Moore’s riveting account of the life of the extraordinary “father of New France.” Imagine Canada in the early 1600’s, when everything inland was completely unknown to Europeans. Within barely a decade Champlain had been everywhere from the Bay of Fundy to the Great Lakes, paving the way for Canada’s growth as a nation.

GG award-winner Christopher Moore expertly weaves the story of this remarkable explorer with Canada’s early history, creating an important new work that is accessible and fascinating for young readers. From Champlain’s early days as an intrepid adventurer dreaming of travel and far away lands to his arrival in Canada and efforts at establishing permanent settlement, *Champlain* will capture the interest of young readers and teach them how this country began to take shape.

Of particular interest is the emphasis on the relationship between Champlain and the people of the First Nations. His alliance with the Huron Confederacy was crucial for the safety and survival of New France and his tireless exploration of Canada’s rugged landscape. This story is as much about Champlain as it is the First Nations allies who made his achievements possible.

In this remarkable book, illustrated entirely with paintings, archival maps, and original artifacts, Christopher Moore brings Champlain to life, and through him, creates a portrait of Canada in its earliest days. As Canada celebrates the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of colonial settlement, it is time to commemorate the important role Champlain played in building our nation.

**CHRISTOPHER MOORE** has been called Canada’s most versatile writer of history. His first book, *Louisbourg Portraits*, won a Governor General’s Award. *The Story of Canada* (co-authored with Janet Lunn), a history of Canada for young people, won the Mr. Christie’s Book Award. *The Big Book of Canada: Exploring the Provinces and Territories* was published by Tundra in 2002 to critical acclaim. Christopher Moore writes a column for *The Beaver*. He makes his home in Toronto with his wife and two daughters. Visit his website at [www.christophermoore.ca](http://www.christophermoore.ca).

**FRANCIS BACK** is a historical illustrator who is particularly known for his careful, accurate paintings of the early days of Canada. He has a special interest in New France and the life of Champlain and his work in these areas has been displayed at the Canadian Museum of Civilization and at the Saint Croix Island International Historic Site. Francis Back lives in Montreal.

### Praise for *The Big Book of Canada*:

“...a wealth of fascinating information...Moore deftly represents the incredible diversity of this huge and varied land...[A] tremendously appealing, thorough, and easy to use resource.” — *Books in Canada*

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