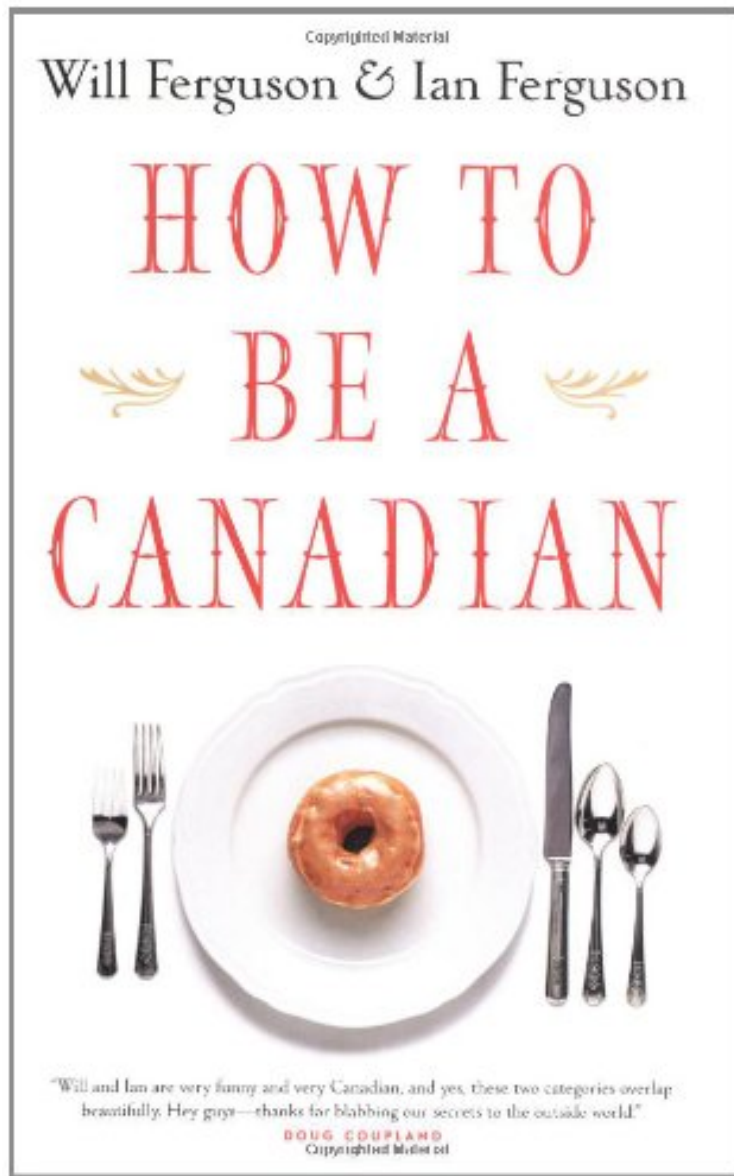


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**Will Ferguson, Ian Ferguson : How to Be a Canadian** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Be a Canadian:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A Canadian primer for outsiders, with tongue firmly in cheekBy A. RichardsBeing Canadian (I am not, but know a few who are) is clearly as odd a thing as being any other nationality,

but with the distinction that Canadians define themselves more often by what they are not (i.e., overly cultured, overly ambitious, American, French (if you live outside Quebec), English (if you don't) etc, etc). Canadians have a reputation for reticence about themselves, which leads many people (most often those who live right next door in a place that actively exports its ideas) regrettably not to know much about them. So this book mines a rich seam of eccentric humor in many different ways (there is an entire chapter on "Eh?", for one). It reads like a series of stand-alone humorous pieces - which also makes it perfect for reading episodically while seated - if you get my drift. It is, in effect, an "Idiot's Guide" type of book, but has the merit of not attempting to be an encyclopedia, which suits the material very well, and allows for interesting anecdotes both about Canada and about the process of writing the book. There are many parts that made me laugh really hard, the chapter on Canadian cuisine for one. I can confirm that much of what is written is very accurate from my own observation. And the overall effect, while obviously needing to be funny and light reading, gives outsiders a really helpful quick study of the mystery of Canada and Canadians in particular. Highly recommended.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very funny. Instructive.  
By Customer  
I think this is the one written by both Will and Ian Ferguson. I say LOL a lot, but this really was. Very funny. Instructive, as well. Where Americans have drama and angst, not to mention those tacky stolen elections, in our politics, Canadians seem to have frustration. I intend to read more by them.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great Book!  
By Mysti  
I am a Canadian citizen living in the United States for almost 7 yrs now and have kind of lost touch with my Canadian self. After starting to read this book many memories came back about what a great country Canada is. There are a lot of jokes and stereotypes used in this book as well as interesting facts. This book made me laugh out loud many times and had my boyfriend asking "why is that funny?". So you might not get some things in the book if you haven't lived in Canada or truly experienced Canadian culture but if you have a friend that is Canadian maybe they can help explain things to you. I Really enjoyed reading this book and I'm sure you will too.

It isn't always easy being Canadian, according to Will Ferguson, but it can be a lot of fun. Asked to write a follow-up to his runaway bestseller *Why I Hate Canadians*, Ferguson, who's Canadian himself, recruited his brother Ian — comedy writer and executive producer of the Canadian series *Sin City* and a Canadian too — to create this ultimate guide to the country's cultural quirks. The result is a hilarious inside look at that unique species, the Canadian, and their thoughts on such diverse subjects as beer, sex, dating rituals, sports, politics, religion, social rules — and, of course, their trademark death-defying search for the middle of any road.

"This book is, in fact, a reminder of what Canadians do best: make ourselves (and others) laugh. Bring on some more Ferguson brothers." About the Author  
Will Ferguson is the best-selling author of *Bastards and Boneheads: Canada's Glorious Leaders Past and Present*, *Canadian History for Dummies* and the tongue-in-cheek survey *Why I Hate Canadians*. His eleventh book, *Spanish Fly* was published in 2007.  
Ian Ferguson is an award-winning playwright and humorist whose commentaries have been widely broadcast on radio and television. He is the creator of the live improvised soap operas *Die-Nasty* and *Sin City* and is currently writing a sitcom pilot for a major US television network. With his brother Will, he is co-author of the runaway best-seller *How to Be a Canadian*.