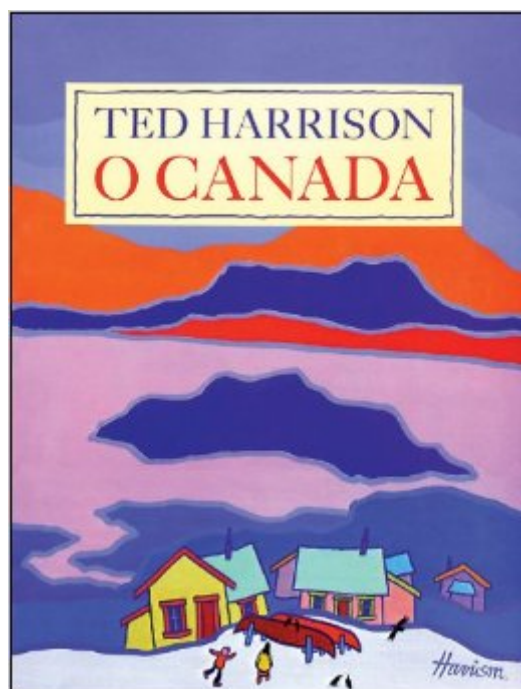


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# O Canada



## Synopsis

"O Canada" was first heard in 1880, but it was not until 100 years later that it became Canada's official national anthem. In this, the first illustrated edition of "O Canada," acclaimed Canadian painter Ted Harrison takes us on a spectacular journey across Canada, "from east to western sea." Through his joyous eye, Canada is revealed as a land of singular beauty.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is wonderful for children and adults alike. Ted Harrison's beautiful paintings bring to life the words to the national anthem of Canada and reflect my glorious country in all its majesty. A must-have for anyone who loves Canada!

I love to introduce my middle school art students to interesting artists. Ted Harrison is one of my favorites. His colorful, stylistic images of the Yukon are inspiring. Students can see how he effectively uses tints (white added to a color), an idea they can use in their own work. This encourages them to do some color mixing.

Ted Harrison is one of Canada's most well known modern artists. His bold, colorful, block-style paintings are famous for their depictions of Canada's north and have often been incorporated into picture books about our great nation. It is very fitting then that O Canada, the first illustrated edition of Canada's national anthem "O Canada" is illustrated by Harrison. What is truly delightful is that this collection of Harrison's paintings pairs visual depictions of each of Canada's wildly diverse territories

and provinces with portions of the national anthem. In addition to the standard anthem there are two other verses included that will likely not be familiar to most readers - I'm not sure if they are part of the original, or if they are newly written. The French and English are given on each page, and a French and English blurb about each depicted province as seen through Harrison's eyes is also provided. Sheet music for the anthem can be found at book's end, along with both the French and English lyrics of the traditional anthem. Some background statements from the author of the hymn's lyrics are also included. I always enjoy children's picture books that you can sing your way through. Our family has greatly enjoyed some of Raffi's songs set into book form, and O Canada is a fun way to provide some visuals for your children while singing the national anthem together. We own the paperback version, but I highly recommend investing in a hardcover copy. My children find Harrison's bold work enticing, and they often look through it independently, subjecting it to bumps and cover-bending affection.

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