

Canada–Finland relations span all facets of modern society, yet these relations date back hundreds of years. From Finnish exploration of Canadian flora and fauna in the 1740s through the various waves of Finnish immigration to Canada, the two countries share a rich, diverse past.

From forestry to hockey and ringette, from technology to literature and film, from a shared experience as arctic, bilingual nations with large neighbours, the two countries enjoy a dynamic relationship and friendship.

2017 is a milestone year for Canada and Finland – Canada 150, Finland 100, and 70 years of bilateral diplomatic relations. This book celebrates the remarkable people who have shown leadership, ingenuity, and perseverance in bringing the two countries closer through scientific cooperation, educational exchange, political and economic engagement, and through cultural and sporting achievements.



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