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BIOGRAPHY

Pierre Berton works in all branches of communications and is perhaps the best-known author and broadcaster in Canada. He has written revue sketches and a musical comedy for the stage; plays and documentaries for radio, television, and films; a daily newspaper column; and more than 30 books, several of which are internationally known. He is seen weekly on the CBC's top-rated panel show, "Front Page Challenge," and heard daily on the Toronto radio station CKEY.

Berton has won numerous awards, including three Governor General's Literary Awards for non-fiction (for *THE MYSTERIOUS NORTH*, *KLONDIKE*, and *THE LAST SPIKE*), two National Newspaper Awards, the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, the Canadian Authors Association Literary Award for non-fiction, and the Canadian Booksellers Association Author of the Year Award. He wrote and read the narration for the documentary film, *City of God*, which has won more than 30 awards, including the Grand Prix at Cannes. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and holds six honorary degrees, as well as the City of Toronto's Civic Award of Merit. He is chairman of The Heritage Canada Foundation, the country's charitable trust.

Born in 1920 and raised in the Yukon, Berton worked in Klondike mining camps during his university years and spent four years in the army. He spent his early newspaper career in Vancouver where, at 21, he was the youngest city editor on any Canadian daily. He moved to Toronto in 1947 and in 1951 was named managing editor of Maclean's, Canada's largest magazine. In 1958 he joined the Toronto Star as associate editor and columnist, leaving in 1962 to start his own television program, "The Pierre Berton Show," which ran until 1973.

A director of McClelland and Stewart, Canada's leading book publisher, Berton lives in Kleinburg, Ontario. He is the father of eight children.