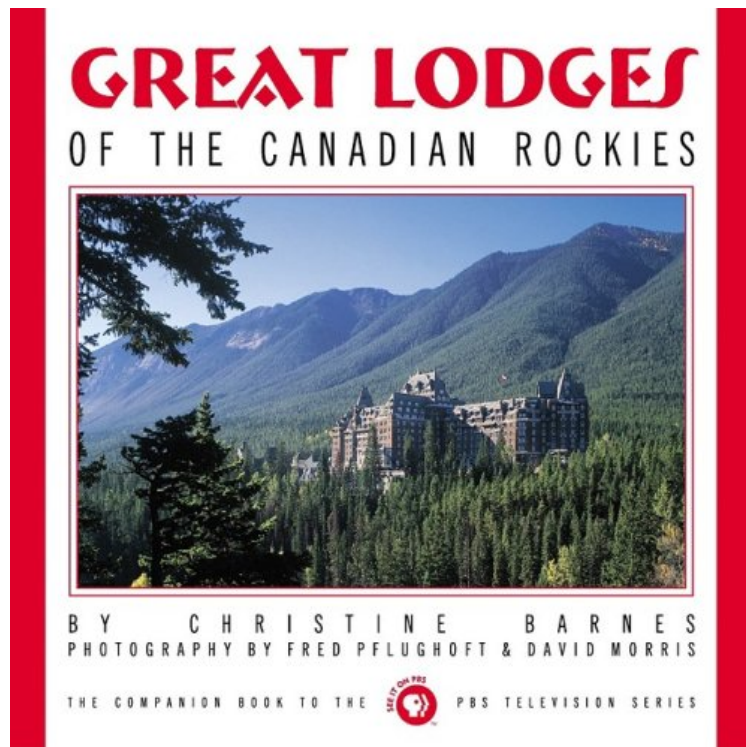


Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies: The Companion Book to the PBS Television Series

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Encore, encore By David Arbogast Apparently the two volumes about the Great Lodges of the National Park Service proved to be so wildly popular that Ms. Barnes, having exhausted all of the lodges of the NPS, was compelled to compile a volume about the great lodges of the Canadian Rockies. This effort lives up to the standards set by the NPS lodge books, with chapters devoted to individual parks and their lodges. The text is well-written and the photographs are generally excellent. The lodges are individually discussed in a chronological order, making it easy to understand the sometimes-complex development and evolution of these grand dames of Canada. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Completed the collection By Barrett Beautifully photographed, well researched. Lots of interesting history on these historic properties and the people who built them. If you're buying used, and want this version with the white-and-red dust cover to complete your collection (i.e., it matches Great Lodges of the National Parks and Great Lodges vol. 2), be sure to ask the seller. The original version came with a dark blue cover which does not match the other books, and seems to be the more commonly available version. The books themselves are identical. Either way, you'll enjoy this -- especially if you've visited some of these Canadian parks and lodges. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By R. Thomas Great pics

All aboard for a trip to the magnificent castles and cabins of the Canadian Rockies! Christine Barnes, author of the award-winning *Great Lodges of the West*, brings to life one of the boldest political and engineering feats in North American history in *Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies*. This extraordinary illustrated history describes how the Canadian government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company created a travel adventure unequaled to this day, featuring architectural landmarks set in North America's most spectacular mountain scenery. Stunning color photographs by Fred Pflughoft and David Morris, blended with Barnes' extensive research, architectural drawings and historical pictures (some never before published), create a vivid, historically accurate journey from the past to the present.

"If we can't export the scenery, we'll import the tourists," declared Sir William Cornelius Van Horne, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, upon completion of the trans-continental rail line through western Canada in 1885. Well aware that the railway was passing through the Canadian Rocky Mountains, some of the most magnificent scenery on the continent, Van Horne had a vision of building grand hotels which would allow guests who rode the railway to sojourn in luxurious accommodations, nestled amongst a magical alpine wonderland. In her book *Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies*, Christine Barnes superbly chronicles Van Horne's dream of the construction of the railway resorts in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Through extensive research, significant interviews and her use of a "treasure trove" of both archival and current photography, Christine has captured the golden era of tourism and travel in Western Canada by highlighting the development of the Grand Hotels such as the Banff Springs and Chateau Lake Louise, as well as the small back country lodge retreats which were built by the railway as part of the company's Bungalow Camp Tours. -- Nancy Williatte-Battet, Heritage Consultant, Canadian Pacific Hotels

Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies tells the story of a group of buildings closely associated with the development of tourist resorts in Canada's mountain national parks: Waterton Lakes, Banff, Yoho and Jasper. Focusing on large railway hotels such as the Banff Springs and the Prince of Wales, as well as backcountry inns such as Twin Falls Tea House and Skoki Lodge, Ms. Barnes provides us with a lavishly illustrated introduction to an important aspect of the cultural history of the parks. As many of the buildings are important examples of Canadian architecture, including four national historic sites, the book is also a welcome contribution to the study of architectural history in this country. -- James Taylor, historian, Parks Canada Western Service Centre, Calgary, Alberta

In *Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies*, author Christine Barnes and photographers Fred Pflughoft and David Morris have collaborated to provide a unique and original perspective on the historic grand hotels and rustic lodges of Canada's mountain national parks. As she did in her award-winning book *Great Lodges of the West* in the United States, Christine highlights the visionary managers and architects who were involved in the creation and evolution of such venerable hotels as the Banff Springs, Jasper Park Lodge, Chateau Lake Louise and the Prince of Wales. She also presents little-known stories about the log lodges, like Emerald Lake, Num-Ti-Jah, Mount Assiniboine, Shadow Lake, Skoki and Twin Falls Chalet, and the colorful characters who built and operated them. The book includes original architectural renderings of these hotels and lodges, many never previously published, and the contemporary photographs are quite simply some of the finest ever taken of these heritage buildings. -- Brian Patton, author and historian, Canmore, Alberta

From the Publisher ALL ABOARD! The Canadian Parliament had withstood the longest debate in its history-- nearly ten years--when on February 1, the Canadian Railway Bill of 1881 was finalized. When all was said and done, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was a reality. Tracks were laid across the young nation and through some of the most stunning and rugged mountains in North America. Together the railway and Canadian government developed a network of fabulous hotels, rustic lodges and tea houses all linked by one of the world's great hiking and bridle trails systems through its growing national parks. The majority of lodges were built by the CPR, but a handful were constructed by other railways or entrepreneurs.

About the Author Christine Barnes is a journalist and writer of 22 years. She is a former Features Editor for the San Francisco Examiner and Oakland Tribune, and the author of the award-winning *Great Lodges of the West* and *Central Oregon: View from the Middle*. She has written travel articles for numerous national magazines and newspapers. She was raised in Colorado, lived for 15 years in Northern California, and now resides in Bend, Oregon with her husband. Christine is a graduate of Northwestern University.