Canada’s Forests
by Ken Drushka

Looking back over 10,000 years, from the end of the last glacial period to the beginning of the twenty-first century, Ken Drushka explores how the human use of our forests has changed and combines, for the first time, an overall description of the ten forest regions of Canada with an overview of their historical uses and their current condition.

Canada’s Forests analyses the changes in human attitudes towards the forests, detailing the rise of the late nineteenth-century conservation movement and its subsequent decline after World War I, the interplay between industry and government in the development of policy, the adoption of sustained yield policies after World War II, and the recent embracing of concepts of sustainable forest management in response to environmental concerns. Drushka argues that, despite centuries of use, Canadian forests retain their vitality and integrity.

Ken Drushka has published numerous books on forestry, including Stumped, Three Men and a Forester, Working in the Woods, Touch Wood, In the Bight, and HR: A Biography of H.R. MacMillan and has written weekly newspaper columns on forestry for the Vancouver Sun and Business in Vancouver, as well as numerous magazine articles.

“Drushka has done an admirable job of synthesizing the material in a way that will be of value to a general readership. I am impressed with the way [his] account addresses main themes in Canadian history; it should serve well as an introduction to Canadian forest history.”

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