

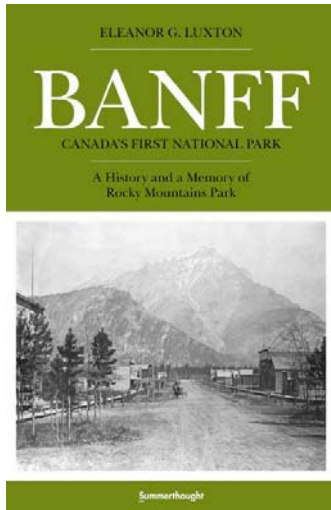


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Banff: Canada's First National Park by Eleanor Luxton

Eleanor Luxton, the native daughter of one of Banff's pioneers, presents us with a labour of love – a comprehensive history of Banff National Park from its geological birth, through its exploration and settlement, to its growth as Canada's first National Park.



This story of Rocky Mountains Park is a sensitive portrayal of the natural and human history of the Banff area, weaving together the romantic adventure of the earliest exploration and settlement with the realities of World Wars, depressions, and government influences. It will most surely command rapt attention from both the casual reader and the historian.

Publisher's note: *Written in 1975 as an historical account and reprinted in 2008, Banff: Canada's First National Park has itself become a piece of the park's history. Respecting this significance, we have strived to replicate the original book by re-creating the original cover, leaving the text as it appeared in 1975 (complete with references to places that no longer exist, such as the Buffalo Paddock), and including photographs from Luxton's private collection.*

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About the Author

Eleanor Luxton is perhaps uniquely qualified to have written this historical record of Banff, having deep roots not only in this area but in the larger region of western Canada. Her maternal great-grandfather, the Reverend George McDougall, came west in 1860 to found Fort Victoria North (now Pagan). W. F. Luxton, paternal grandfather, was the first schoolteacher in Winnipeg, and founded *The Winnipeg Free Press* in 1872. Her mother, Georgia McDougall Luxton, was the first white child born in the area we now call the province of Alberta. Her father, Norman Luxton, made an epic return voyage across the Pacific Ocean in a thirty-foot dugout canoe, came to Banff, founded the town newspaper, *The Crag & Canyon*, and played an instrumental role in developing the area into the world-renowned National Park it is today.

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