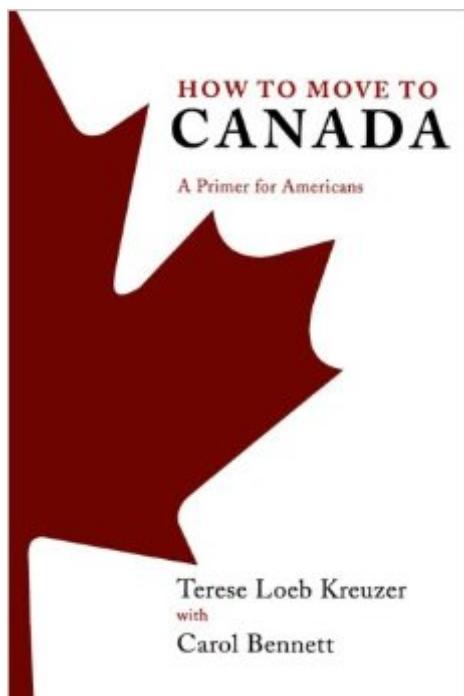


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# How To Move To Canada: A Primer For Americans



## **Synopsis**

An easy-to-use, step-by-step guide to calling Canada home More and more Americans are thinking of moving to Canada to find a job, attend colleges and universities, peace of mind---even retirement---and whatever their motivations, they will have to navigate the Canadian immigration, citizenship, and naturalization processes. So whether you're thinking about moving or already have your bags packed, *How to Move to Canada* is for you. It's a straightforward, friendly, informative handbook that delivers on its promise, providing readers with a thorough understanding of what to expect and where to get help and more information. *How to Move to Canada* offers:--A realistic appreciation of what Canada has to offer Americans --Snapshots of Canada's provinces and territories and their major cities --Interviews with immigration experts and Americans who have emigrated to Canada --An immigration checklist and a comprehensive list of resources to consult for more information --Real-life, hands-on perspectives, and invaluable advice *How to Move to Canada* makes the move north feel possible, supplying readers with a clear understanding of what they'll need in order to make a run for the border.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book doesn't pull any punches - you are leaving the United States and moving to another country - an action not to be taken lightly at all. Whether entering our friendly neighbors to the north as just a permanent resident or going all the way and becoming a Canadian citizen (Note! You don't have to give up your US citizenship!)- it's a lot more complicated than just arriving, buying a house,

and starting your new job that you've previously located and landed. Interesting sidebar segments on those who have gone before and what they did - or wished they had done - to make the move and transition easier and less stressful. Yes you can "retire" to Canada - you just have to loan the government \$400,000 (CD) interest free for 61 months and have total assets of greater than \$800,000 (CD) when you enter and before the loan. No more just showing up with your retirement nest egg.

I found this book reasonably useful as a means of learning how the immigration process works for Canada. You could certainly research all this info on the Internet yourself, but it would be a bother. The author points out some common and potentially serious mistakes that applicants often make on their paperwork. Also, she herself is an American immigrant to Canada, and speaks from experience and from the American perspective, which makes this book superior to another of its type, "Living and Working in Canada" which was written by a British citizen for an audience of non-North Americans.

This book won't tell you everything you need to know to move to Canada, but it will get you started and tell you where to go for more information. The names, addresses, phone numbers and websites in this book will save you many hours of research. Vignettes from people who have already made the move are interesting. A detailed section on health care, province by province, describes waiting periods, what's covered and how to sign up.

This is the most thoroughly readable how-to book I have seen on moving to Canada. It is practical and authoritative and has helped my quest for emigration greatly. It's a good investment and the perfect 'starter' book for anyone with thoughts of becoming an ex-pat by moving north of the border.

Great book, comprehensive and well-written. Tipped us off to a Customs regulation (it involves inventorying your entire household, including counting your socks!) that caused us to abort our plan to move to Canada. Wish we'd had this book earlier, we would have saved thousands of dollars in fees and two years of my life.

Myths about Canada abound: it's a "fake country," it has a population of 20, people are allowed to marry moose, it's one big year-round hockey tournament, it doesn't really exist, everyone speaks a vulgar form of French, and they have free healthcare but you'll perish waiting in line for service.

Canada gets taken for granted. As such, many south of "the other border" know little about the enormous country that sits on top of them. And so myths perpetuate like Yukon snow. But moving to Canada? That assumes one already acknowledges its existence and possesses at least a speck of knowledge about the land with the maple leaf flag. "How To Move To Canada" only assumes the former. Those with no, or very minute, familiarity with Canada will drown in the historical, cultural, and political knowledge contained in these thick 200 pages. Though its subtitle, "A Primer for Americans," remains a bit of a misnomer (since Canadians are also Americans), this book nonetheless provides a great launching pad for those wanting to immigrate to the Great White North. Note that this book assumes readers want to permanently move to Canada, or at least obtain dual citizenship (only a recent possibility). But those who merely want to "try it out" via a temporary work permit will also benefit from the information within. Both groups will learn about the steps to long term settlement, the long process, and the potential legal roadblocks. Such questions as "when do I need an immigration attorney?" and "how long does citizenship take?" get addressed throughout. A handy "Immigration Time Line" outlines the steps from deciding to move, to permanent residency, and ultimately to Canadian citizenship. But again the underlying assumption is that the reader wants to immigrate, not just get a job. That's an important distinction the book doesn't address very clearly. People can move to and work in Canada without immigrating. Section Two does mention work permits, but briefly. It also contains another very short section on retiring to Canada. Those looking for detailed information on those subjects should look elsewhere. Hopefully those considering moving to Canada have already done their homework about where and why they want to move. Regardless, "Moving to Canada" contains droves of information on Canadian history, healthcare, politics, climate, differences from province to province (and territory to territory), employment, crime, economy (including housing prices) and demographics. No previous knowledge required. The final section, which makes up more than half the book's bulk, outlines basic information for all ten provinces, three territories, and many major cities. A word of caution: this book was published in 2006, but much of its information dates to the most recently available data. Some dates to 2001. Laws and the economy obviously fluctuate, so readers should consider that while perusing this book's figures. Canada's immigration website, frequently mentioned in the book, remains a good up to date resource. "How To Move To Canada" contains far more than immigration instructions. It encompasses a historical and cultural survey of North America's placid giant. Expect to learn things like "why do people in Quebec speak French?" "does Canada have a Queen?" "how did Canada become what it is today?" but especially "how do I move there permanently?" This book even serves as a great reference for those who don't ultimately immigrate. As such, "How To Move

To Canada" remains a great and easy to read introduction for anyone.

Extraordinary customer support. When received a travel guide to Canada. Very soon after we reported the mistake the staff apologized and shipped the correct book. I highly recommend this book because it covers the minor details of moving through the transition from USA to Canada. We are planning to build our second home in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick primarily because the Canadian atmosphere is significantly calmer than the US.

The copyright is 2006 and some things have changed since then. A good source for things to consider when moving but you should double check the information on the Canadian government websites, an immigration attorney, etc. Some of the references to contacts are no longer valid.

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