

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! A special welcome is sent to those of you who are new to this listserv as a result of connecting at the **National Council for Social Studies** conference in Washington, D.C. and to Manon Bradley, the new Outreach Coordinator at SUNY--Plattsburgh! It was a pleasure seeing former STUDY CANADA participants again and making so many new acquaintances either at the tour of the Embassy of Canada, sessions on Canada for NSSSA and NCSS, or at the National Resource Centers for Canada exhibit booth in "International Alley". I am already excited about next year's conference in San Diego but, until we meet again there, I hope you find the resources on Canada below helpful to you and your students! Tina Storer, Education and Curriculum Specialist

Resource notices are available on our site under *K-12 News*. Reply with "Please remove my name from the Canada Listserv" should you no longer wish to receive notices. **K-12 STUDY CANADA represents shared outreach by WWU's Center for Canadian-American Studies & UW's Canadian Studies Center that jointly form the Pacific Northwest National Resource Center for Canada, funded by the US Department of Education (Title VI). The Government of Canada provides additional outreach support.**

1) FREEBIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS - NORTH POLE WORKSHEETS - Holiday word mazes and puzzle fun suitable for elementary students from diverse backgrounds are available to teachers at no cost. For traditional Christmas/North Pole worksheets, visit www.teacherfreebies.com/directory/PDF/Newsword/NorthPole.pdf. (You can also access "Extending the Theme" with literature study using Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* and other holiday stories for children as well.) Hanukkah worksheets can be downloaded from <http://p6.hostingprod.com/@holidaycrosswords.com/nonfiction/HanukkahWorksheets.pdf> and Kwanzaa worksheets from <http://p6.hostingprod.com/@holidaycrosswords.com/nonfiction/KwanzaaWorksheets.pdf>.

2) LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA (LAC) RESOURCES - Library and Archives Canada provides a *Canadian Information By Subject* service that provides links to information about Canada from the Internet. Go to <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/caninfo/esub.htm>. The subject arrangement is in the form of a "Subject Tree". For example, if you click on Social sciences (<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/caninfo/ep030.htm>), you will obtain a myriad of listings. This site is definitely worth a visit by teachers and students for research!

- 0 Computer science, information and general works
- 1 Philosophy, parapsychology and occultism, psychology
- 2 Religion
- 3 Social sciences
- 4 Language
- 5 Natural sciences and mathematics
- 6 Technology (Applied sciences)
- 7 Arts. Fine and decorative arts
- 8 Literature (Belles-lettres) and rhetoric
- 9 History, geography, and auxiliary disciplines

3) AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS OF CANADIAN BOOKS - Visit www.slais.ubc.ca/saltman/ccib/VideoSub.html to discover videos that show how authors and artists create picture books. These videos are the next best thing to having the authors and illustrators visit your classroom personally! This website also offers a selected list of Internet resources about Canadian children's literature at www.slais.ubc.ca/saltman/ccib/Internet.html and a selected reading list on the historical development and contemporary state of Canadian children's books and Canadian picture books at www.slais.ubc.ca/saltman/ccib/PrintSub.html#international.

4) "WORDS FAIL THEM" - A NEW YORK TIMES OP ED ARTICLE RE. QUEBEC AS A "NATION WITHIN A UNITED CANADA" - Several educators at NCSS asked about Quebec being granted status as a "nation" by the Prime Minister recently. Some even wondered if separation was imminent. For those of you who would like to know more about Prime Minister Harper's words and their impact, I recommend reading the op ed piece by Jean-Benoît Nadeau and Julie Barlow that was published on Saturday, Dec. 9 in *The New York Times*. You can use the search engine at the NYT to find the article "Words Fail Them." I think the article offers a balanced perspective on the issue. *(Thanks to R Writer for directing me to the article.)*

5) FIREFLY BOOKS - This publisher and distributor of quality non-fiction and children's books has several titles that will be of interest to you. In addition, please note that all can be ordered from www.amazon.com and www.chapters.ca for over 35% off the cover prices listed below.

- ***The Maple Leaf Forever: A Celebration of Canadian Symbols*** by Donna and Nigel Hutchins and photography by Matthew Beverly. (Firefly Books, 2006) 224 pages ISBN-10: 1-55046-474-4 ISBN-13: 978-1-55046-474-0 This hardcover souvenir book is a nice addition to school libraries since it's all about the three great themes in

Canadian graphic culture: the Mountie, the beaver and the maple leaf. The oversize book provides both a feast of visual images and a comprehensive history of the symbols and their use in identifying Canada to the world.

- **A Complete Guide to Arctic Wildlife** by Richard Sale with photography by Per Michelsen and Richard Sale. (Firefly Books, 2006) 400 pages. Hardcover ISBN : 155407178X This is the ideal guidebook to the wildlife of the Arctic, which is undergoing such a perilous change. Polar expert Richard Sale describes the ecological and human dynamics of the Arctic as a whole, with detailed information about the peoples of the region and their history. He also discusses the future for the region and its wildlife, severely threatened by both climatic change and the overwhelming pollution created by humankind. The book is packed with stunning photographs and features range maps of the entire circumpolar ranges -- including oceans and seas -- of the various polar creatures. This beautifully illustrated and authoritative book will provide a renewed understanding of the Arctic and its unique challenges.
- **The Group of Seven and Tom Thomson** by David P. Silcox (Firefly Books Compact Edition, 2006) 444 pages. Hardcover. ISBN: 1554071542 The paintings of *The Group of Seven* have come to signify Canadian art. In the 75 years since their formation, the Group's art has symbolized the vastness, color and striking beauty of the Canadian wilderness. *This is an important addition to the literature and an exciting opportunity for readers to discover the artists, indeed, the entire country for themselves. Highly recommended for all art libraries and academic collections.* - Library Journal 10/15/2003
- **Firefly Atlas of North America: United States, Canada and Mexico** (Firefly Books, 2006) 272 pages. Hardcover. \$55 ISBN: 1554072077 This brand new atlas presents the increasingly multicultural and diverse realm that is North America. Divided into three sections covering the United States (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Pacific Territories), Canada and Mexico, this atlas uses up-to-date maps, expert narrative coverage and revealing statistics to illustrate the continent's geographic and social features. The abundance of detailed data and magnificent maps make this atlas an unparalleled reference and research tool. Each country section opens with a map and a color-coded legend to the regional maps that follow. All 50 U.S. states (plus Washington, D.C.), the 13 Canadian provinces and territories (including Nunavut) and Mexico's 32 states are illustrated in brilliant, large-scale maps. Presenting an outstanding depth of detail, they include:
 - Settlements and administration (population, boundaries, counties, national parks, Native reservations, capitals and points of interest) and communications (highways, railroads, airports and canals)
 - Physical features (streams, swamps, dry lakes, mountain passes, peaks and their elevations, deserts and valleys)
 - Each country's larger urban centers (41 US, 6 Canadian + 4 Mexican), inclu. roads, tunnels, railroads, subway stops, public bldgs, parks & churches.
 - Narrative sections with an informative essay on regions' history, geography, industry & capital city
 - "At a glance" tables with recent statistics on regions' demographics, languages, housing, education & business
 - A comprehensive index of 40,000 place names and geographic features, with latitude and longitude coordinates and alphanumeric grid references
 - Page-number indicators and locator windows that make it easy to identify and find adjacent maps.

6) HISTORY: 100 YEARS OF CANADIAN SOCIETY TEACHER'S KIT (SECONDARY LEVEL) - This Teacher's Kit offers a series of insightful articles from **Canadian Social Trends** on the changes occurring throughout the 20th century, together with a related lesson plan. It encourages students to explore changing social realities in the areas of family structure, labor force, immigration, education, household income and expenditures, health, and urban development. Visit www.statcan.ca/english/kits/100yearskit.htm or www.statcan.ca/english/edu > Canadian Social Trends > 100 years of Canadian Society Teacher's Kit.

7) CANADIAN RECIPES OF THE MONTH - Here are two new recipes to try for special holiday visitors and occasions:

- **Apple Glazed Sausage with Canadian Bacon Appetizers** (from <http://busycooks.about.com/od/porkentreerecipes/r/appleglsausage.htm>)
Ingredients:

5 pork sausage links	3/8 pound kielbasa sausage cut into 10 slices
1/8 cup apple juice	3 ounces thinly-sliced Canadian bacon
1/8 cup apple jelly	1-tablespoon maple syrup

Directions:
 1. Bring sausages, kielbasa slices and apple juice to a boil over medium heat; cook covered 5 minutes.
 2. Remove cover; reduce heat to med-low & turn sausages frequently.
 3. After 15 minutes, remove other ingredients but continue cooking sausages until browned (2-3 minutes)
 4. Remove links from skillet, reserving 2 tablespoons of the drippings in the skillet.
 5. Stir apple jelly & syrup in with the drippings. Add Canadian bacon. Cook while covering with glaze.
 6. Arrange all on serving platter with remaining glaze over top.

- [Lake Muskoka Spicy Roasted Eggplant Spread with Crispy Pita Triangles](http://www.recipehound.com/Recipes/canada.html) (from www.recipehound.com/Recipes/canada.html)

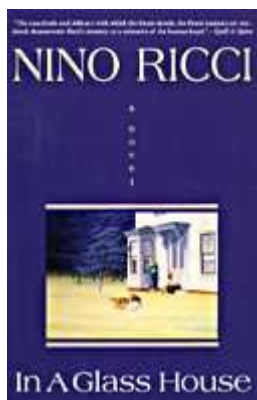
Ingredients:

Non-stick vegetable oil spray	1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 1-lb. eggplants, peeled, cut into 3/4-inch cubes	4 red bell peppers, seeded, cut into 1/2" pieces
2 tablespoons minced garlic	1 tablespoon coarse salt
1 tsp ground black pepper	1 tsp dried crushed red pepper
2 large red onions, cut into 3/4-inch cubes	3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
6 8"-diameter pita breads, each cut into 8 triangles	

- Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 450 F.
 2. Spray 2 large baking sheets with nonstick spray.
 3. Whisk oil, garlic, salt, black pepper and red pepper in large bowl.
 4. Add eggplant, bell peppers, and onions; toss to coat.
 5. Divide mixture between baking sheets & roast until vegetables are tender & lightly browned, turning occasionally (35 mins.) Cool 15 minutes on sheets.
 6. Make coarse puree with mixture using food processor or hand blender and transfer to bowl.
 7. Season with salt and pepper and mix in parsley.
 8. Serve spread with pita triangles bought from a grocery store (or make your own as follows)

CRISPY PITA TRIANGLES: Preheat oven to 450 F. Place pita triangles on large baking sheet. Drizzle with oil. Toss to coat; arrange in single layer. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake until crisp and golden, about 7 minutes per side. Cool completely.

- 8) **RUTH WRITER'S REVIEW OF ADULT FICTION** - Ricci, Nino. *In a Glass House*. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart Ltd., 1993. [ISBN0-7710-7505-7]



We sometimes believe that dysfunctional families are new to the current generation. After reading Nino Ricci's novel about an Italian Canadian family, we know such families have existed for some time.

In a Glass House focuses on the rural Ontario peninsula east of Windsor during the mid 1900s. A young boy, Vittorio, is traveling with his mother to join his long absent father. En route to Canada, his mother dies and Vittorio arrives with his newborn half-sister. Readers follow the family over the next twenty years.

How does a farm family respond to such a series of events? Ricci's novel weaves the story into a quilt like novel through Vittorio's youth, high school and university years. We also learn of the dilemmas of the estranged father and the extended family. Finally, Ricci explains the half-sister Rita's state of affairs.

Although this is the second in a trilogy about the Italian-Canadian family, one can certainly read it first. The other two novels are *The Lives of Saints* and *Where She Has Gone*. While *In a Glass House* is at times haunting and troubling, it is an eloquent story of the people intertwined by blood living in the rural countryside of southwestern Ontario. Without a doubt, readers will enjoy this novel.

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