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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Colombo's Little book of Canadian proverbs, graffiti, limericks, other vital matters:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The word Canadian isn't the first one you think of in proverbs, graffiti, limericks, etc. By Jerry Guild. In spite of my title, this little book is worth looking into. The author was unknown to me until I found this book. He has been hailed as a "Master Gatherer" I notice on the back cover that; "During fifteen years of professional involvement in the worlds of publishing, education and authorship he has acted as editor of over one hundred books, and has written, compiled or translated twenty others, including the highly praised "Colombo's Canadian Quotations (1974). It is also claimed that this treasury of wit and humor is the first of its kind in Canada. I don't know whether Colombo writes much himself; this book is all material he has collected. As a Canadian, it certainly hits me as the kind of humor you find in Canada. Since Canada uses Peace, Order and Good Government where the U.S. uses Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness; and since Canada is much more Liberal and Socialist; it's little wonder that its humor is very government related. I just wrote a review on Irish Humor, also today, and humor in Canada is very different. Political Correctness has negated ethnic humor, even when this book was published way back in 1975. For some reason jokes about Indians and Eskimos are OK. Jokes about Newfies are abundant; but jokes about people from other provinces or nationalities are almost never heard. Nobody seems able to explain it, other than maybe it's that Newfoundland decided to join Canada on April 1, April Fools Day. Canadians as

alltogether too insecure to tell jokes about themselves ,as we are used to seeing with other nationalities such as the Irish and Jews. Culture has everything to do with a country's humor and maybe that is what we have here. Colombo may have hit the nail on the head with this one-liner on page 9. "Canada is a country with two official languages and no official culture." Canadians believe they are a country that want to get along with everyone and certainly that means they would never dare offend one, even themselves, in the name of humor. So,if you want to see what is considered acceptable" humor in Canada;this book is quite representative. Here is a sample of what you'll find in this book; Road Signs; "PICK YOUR RUT CAREFULLY-- you will be in it for the next 80 miles". "HISTORIC SITE-- Under construction" Limerick\ "A boy at Sault Ste. Marie Said,"Spelling is all Greek to me, Till they learn to spell 'Soo' Without any 'u', Or an 'a' or an 'l' ot a 't'"! Since we are a very Government oriented country,look at some of the mail the government gets; "I am writing to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?" "I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is now dead." "I am very much annoyed to find that you have branded my boy boy an illiterate,as this is a irtly lie. I was married to his father a week before he was born" Newspaper Ads "Lady seeks male companion around 45.No civil servants." Graffiti "KEEP YOUR CITY CLEAN-EAT A PIGEON" "STALIN'S GRAVE IS A COMMUNIST PLOT" "FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR PACIFISM" "CHICKEN LITTLE WAS RIGHT" "OUR GOD IS ALIVE-SORRY ABOUT YOURS" And how about these tombstone inscriptions; I LAID MY WIFE BENEATH THIS STONE, FOR HER REPOSE AND FOR MY OWN BEHOLD AND SEE AS YOU PASS BY, AS YOU ARE NOW SO ONCE WAS I. AS I AM NOW SO YOU MUST BE, PREPARE FOR DEATH AND FOLLOW ME. And finally this Election sign; DON'T VOTE (THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO WIN ANYWAY)

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