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- Explore the conflicts, culture, ideas, politics, and social changes that have shaped Quebec
- Trace the unique history of the French-Canadian heartland as it happened
- Appreciate Quebec's rich culture

Your personal tour guide to the history of Quebec!

From rip-roaring rebellions and conquests to political and economic turbulence, Quebec has seen it all and much more! If you've ever wanted to explore the important events of Canada's most illustrious province, then this fun and informative guide is for you. Brimming with facts, *History of Quebec For Dummies* takes you on a lively tour of Quebec's past and present, uncovers the fascinating story behind the aboriginal peoples of Quebec, treks through the early years of European explorations, and brings to life the cast of characters, cultures, and traditions that helped shape modern Quebec. With the help of *History of Quebec For Dummies*, you can finally get to grips with all the thrilling facts you may have missed in history class!

- Get the lowdown on Quebec's first inhabitants — discover the indigenous tribes that populated Quebec a whopping 12,000 years before the arrival of the Europeans
- Track the early years of French settlement — find out how Quebec was first discovered in the race for the New World and meet the major players that made it happen
- Explore the birth of Canada's largest province — understand how and why the colony of New France was transformed into Quebec as we know it today
- Get familiar with conflicts in Quebec's past — explore the roots of the independence movement and the issue of sovereignty
- Delve into modern Quebec — take a closer look at the political and economic highs and lows of recent decades

Open the book and find:

- Turning points in Quebec history, past and present
- The effect of European colonization on Quebec politics and culture
- Insight into the relationship between French- and English-speaking Canada
- How Quebec became a beacon of French language and culture in North America
- The impact of world events on Quebec
- Ten iconic Quebec figures, symbols, and landmarks

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