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In 2008, BC celebrates the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia and 150 years of cultural diversity, community and achievement. This book celebrates this milestone, capturing the province's history, beauty and complex character in a lavish coffee-table book. The text, by respected historian Jean Barman, is ambitious in scope. Barman delves into the region's history, from the first humans to arrive in British Columbia twenty thousand years ago to the promises and hopes of the twenty-first century, including the first contact between Indigenous peoples and newcomers; the legacy of the fur trade and gold rush; the contributions of immigrant cultures; the development of communities and urban centres and the flourishing of the arts. In this title, a rich selection of archival images depicting the province's past are paired with iconic and stunning colour photographs capturing the diversity of the modern landscape. From the large stretches of open range and grassland of the Southern Interior, to the rugged geography of the Kootenays and Coast Mountains, the verdant beauty of the Gulf Islands and the excitement of the province's cities and communities, BC's geography is extravagant. Images selected from the province's most talented photographers, including David Nunuk, Chris Cheadle and Vance Hannah, showcase this diversity. Like the province of British Columbia, with its remarkable history, characters, places and achievements, "BC 150 Years" is a remarkable book and an

important addition to the library of every British Columbian.

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