



Maple Leaves: Discovering Canada Through the Published Record

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OCLC Research Reports

- Scotland, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada
www.oclc.org/research/publications/reports
- Using library data to separate out a national presence
- Data sets – works published:
 - by Canadians
 - in Canada
 - about Canada

Caveats...

- WorldCat holdings are extensive, but not everything is included
- Wikidata to identify Canadians (by birth)
 - Notables (those with Wikipedia entries only)
 - Women underrepresented
 - Indigenous persons

Terminology

- Work – distinct intellectual creation
- Publication – distinct edition or imprint of a work
- Holding – appearance of a publication in a library collection

Overall Results


The Canadian presence in the published record includes:

6.9 million works

10.9 million publications

96.6 million library holdings

Overall Results, cont'd



Published in Canada:

5.9 million works, 8.8 million publications, 60.5 million holdings

Published About Canada:

2.9 million works, 4.3 million publications, 42.1 million holdings

Published by Canadians:

1.5 million works, 2.7 million publications, 40 million holdings



Not Just Books

Serials

Films

Musical Recordings

Maps

Non-musical Recordings

Theses

Musical Scores

Images



Trivia!!

Q:

Who is the most popular Canadian author?
(ranked by library holdings worldwide)

Trivia

A:

Janette Oke

172,830 library holdings



Trivia

Q:

Who is the most popular Canadian author of French-language publications?

(ranked by library holdings worldwide)

Trivia

A:

Michel Tremblay

12,606 library holdings

Works [\[edit \]](#)

Novels and short story collections [\[edit \]](#)

Note: Most titles also available in English translations

- *Contes pour buveurs attardés* (1966) (*Tales for Belated Drinkers*)
- *La Cité dans l'œuf* (1969) (*The City in the Egg*)
- *C'tà ton tour*, *Laura Cadieux* (1973) (*It's Your Turn*, Laura Cadieux)
- *Le Cœur découvert* (1986) (*The Heart Laid Bare*)
- *Les Vues animées* (1990) (*The Animated Views*)
- *Douze coups de théâtre: récits* (1992) (*Twelve Strokes of Drama: Stories*)
- *Le Cœur éclaté* (1993) (*The Heart Broken*)
- *Un ange cornu avec des ailes de tôle* (1994)
- *La nuit des princes charmants* (1995) (*Some Night My Prince Will Come*)
- *Le Fantôme de Don Carlos* (1996) (*The Phantom of Don Carlos*)
- *Quarante-quatre minutes, quarante-quatre secondes* (1997) (*Forty-Four Minutes, Forty-Four Seconds*)
- *Hôtel Bristol New York, N.Y.* (1999) (*Bristol Hotel New York, NY*)
- *L'Homme qui entendait siffler une bouilloire* (2001) (*The Man who heard a Whistling Kettle*)
- *Bonbons assortis* (2002) (*Assorted Candies*)
- *Le Trou dans le mur* (2006) (*The Hole in the Wall*)
- *La Traversée du continent* (2007) (*Crossing the Continent*)
- *La Traversée de la ville* (2008) (*Crossing the City*)
- *La Traversée des sentiments* (2009) (*Crossing Feelings*)
- *Le passage obligé* (2010)
- *La grande mêlée* (2011)
- *Au hazard la chance* (2012)
- *Les clefs du Paradise* (2013)
- **Chroniques du Plateau Mont-Royal**, series of six novels:
 - *La grosse femme d'à côté est enceinte* (1978) (*The Fat Woman Next Door is Pregnant*)
 - *Thérèse et Pierrette à l'école des Saints-Anges* (1980) (*Therese and Pierrette and the Little Hanging Angel*)
 - *La Duchesse et le roturier* (1982) (*The Duchess and the Commoner*)
 - *Des nouvelles d'Édouard* (1984) (*News from Édouard*)
 - *Le Premier Quartier de la lune* (1989) (*The First Quarter of the Moon*)
 - *Un objet de beauté* (1997) (*A Thing of Beauty*)
- **The Notebook Trilogy:**
 - *Le Cahier noir* (2003) (*The Black Notebook*)

Trivia

Q:

Who is the most popular Canadian vocalist/composer?
(ranked by library holdings worldwide)

Trivia

A:

Glenn Gould

104,138 library holdings



Report Contents

- Popularity
- Patterns over time
- Global Diffusion
- Special Topics:
 - Indigenous Languages
 - Comics/Graphic Novels



External Context

- Telling our story beyond our borders



Internal Use

- Collection Development
- Digitization Initiatives
- Collections Gap Analysis

- Future data collection and analysis

Trivia

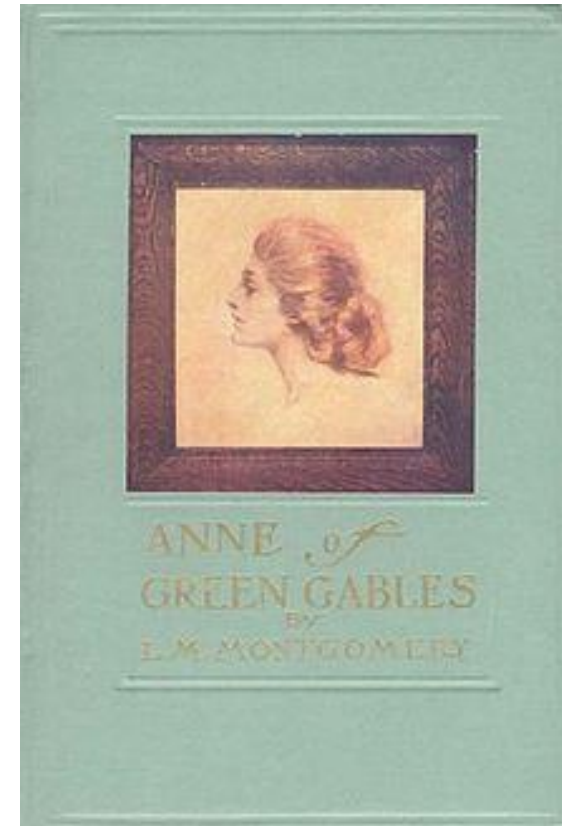
Q:

Who is the most influential Canadian author?
(all things considered...)

Trivia

A:

Lucy Maud Montgomery



Access the report at:

<https://www.oclc.org/research/publications/2019/oclcresearch-maple-leaves-discovering-canada-through-published-record.html>

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