Featured Book



by Nancy Rotella

Past is Present will be presented to the children within all licensed child care programs through the Early Childhood Community Development Centre.

Created specifically for the Past is Present Community Book Project

In the past...

We could not travel very far
Because no one even had a car.
Horses and wagons were the way
To bring supplies we needed each day.

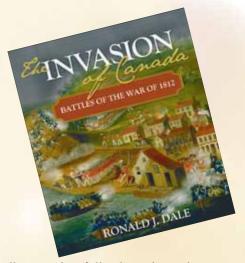
And so it was,

Yong, long
ago!

"We have heard it said that children are our future and this is true. We must also recognize the importance of teaching our children about the past. In reading this book, I hope that the children will learn a little about the world they live in and what inventions or contributions have been made in generations past to make today a better place.

What has been created in the past is what is shaping the present. History has lead society into the future and our children will press forward with our help to create their own past."

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Illustrated in full colour throughout, combining paintings and modern photography, *The Invasion of Canada* is a readable, appealing guide to the war of 1812.

The Past is Present Community Book Project is featuring *The Invasion of Canada* by Ronald J. Dale James Lorimer & Company, Publishers

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Ronald Dale is a historian and the Superintendent of Niagara National Historic Sites, including Fort George and Brock's Monument. In addition to The Invasion of Canada: Battles of the War of 1812, Dale has also authored Niagara-on-the-Lake: Its Heritage and Its Festival, and The Fall of New France: How the French lost a North American empire 1754-1763.

"...Prevost had learned that the British Orders in Council, one of the factors motivating the American declaration of war, had been withdrawn and he had suggested the armistice in the hope that the war could be brought to a peaceful conclusion....Brock was ordered to make no offensive moves and to simply remain on the defensive. Brock seemed to foresee, however, that the war would continue, and he watched helplessly through September as the American army increased its presence along the Niagara frontier while few British reinforcements were made available to him......"

The *Invasion of Canada* will be featured through book clubs at participating libraries across the Niagara Region:

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