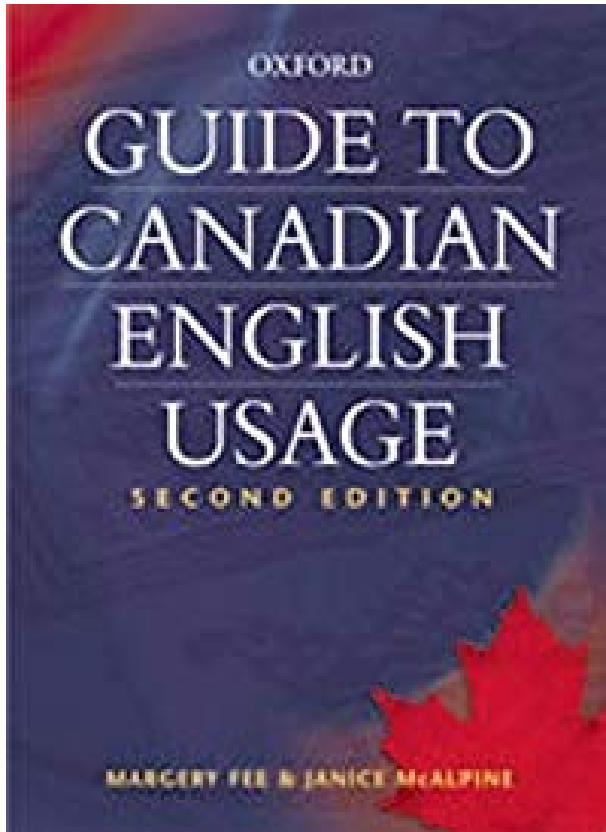


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All entries feature a wide range of fascinating quotations from Canadian sources. This A-Z guide to the way Canadians use the English language is an essential reference for students, business people, and anyone engaged in formal writing.