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Nick Eyles and Andrew Miall Fitzhenry and Whiteside, Ltd., Markham, ON, 2007. ISBN-1-55041-860-2 Price: \$60.00, Trade Paperback, 450 p.

There is a new book in the geological firmament, a massive, readable, often entertaining tome on the geology of Canada by Nick Eyles and Andrew Miall. *Canada Rocks: The Geologic Journey* presents the complex and spectacular geology of Canada as it evolved from distant orogenies in the Archean Slave Province to the last "terrane wreck" in the Canadian Rockies. Although the authors are distinguished academics, the book is designed to reach a much wider audience, including the interested public, undergraduate students and even specialists who would benefit from a general overview of Canadian geology. The authors clearly know their trade: the audience is skilfully engaged through the use of plain language and the generous use of full-colour photos, maps, drawings and even paintings from the Group of Seven. When yet another orogeny crumples the Maritimes, the spell is broken with pop-up biographies of Canadian heroes of geology or whimsical geologic anecdotes such as "the Queen in camouflage". There is purpose behind this casual style, however. Just about everything has happened to Canada: it has been torn apart, put...

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