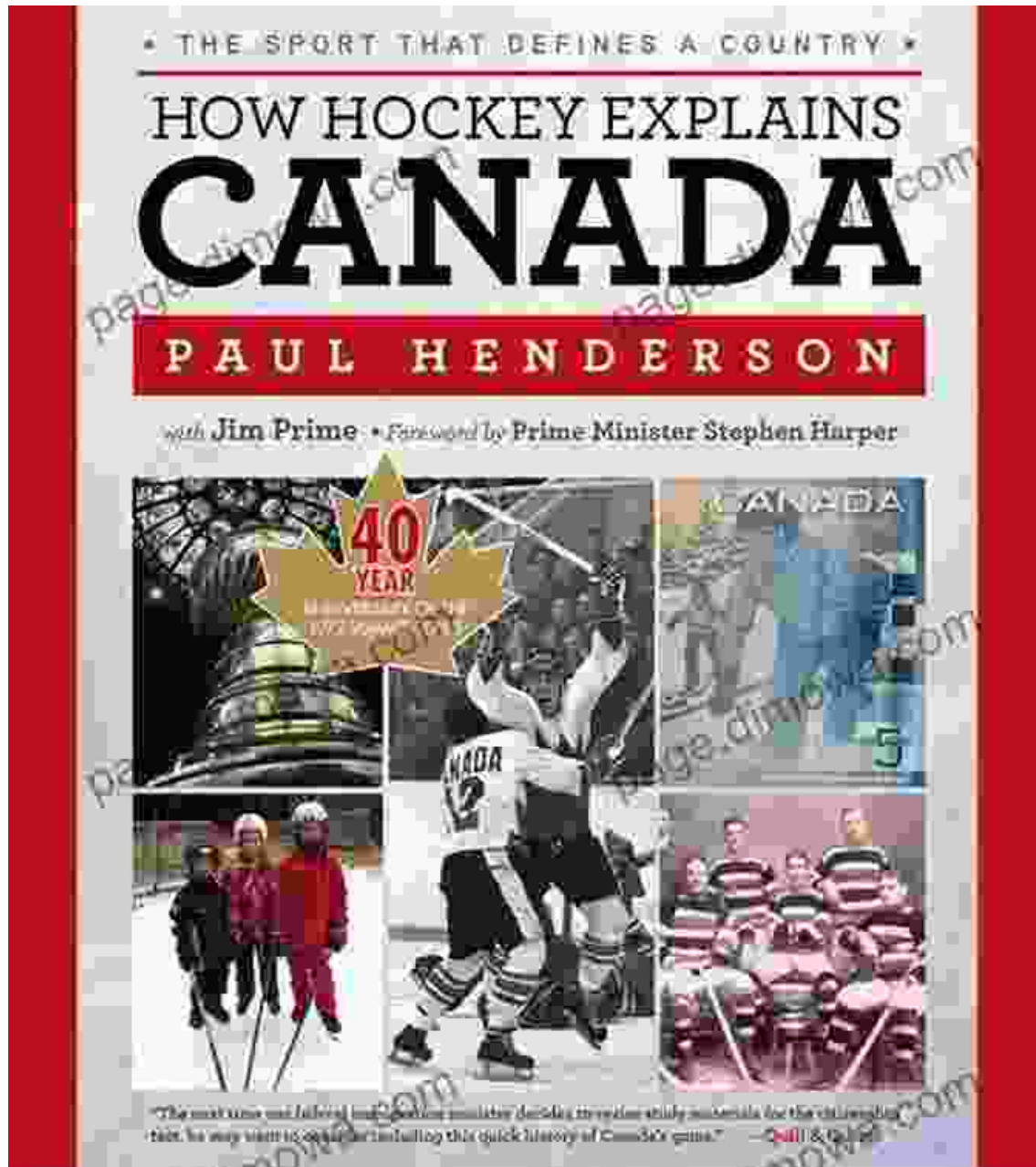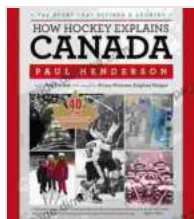# Hockey Explains Canada: The Ultimate Guide to the Canadian Pastime

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The Canadian Way

One of the most striking things about hockey is its inherently Canadian nature. The game is played on a rink that is wider than it is long, which encourages a fast-paced, physical style of play. This style of play reflects the Canadian values of hard work, determination, and teamwork.

Hockey is also a game of respect. Players shake hands before and after each game, regardless of the outcome. This tradition reflects the Canadian

value of sportsmanship, which is about more than just winning or losing. It's about playing the game the right way and respecting your opponents.

A National Identity

Hockey is more than just a sport in Canada. It's a national identity. The game has been played in Canada for over a century, and it has become an integral part of the Canadian experience. Hockey is a source of national pride, and it brings Canadians together from all walks of life.

The Stanley Cup is the most prestigious trophy in hockey, and it is awarded to the winner of the National Hockey League playoffs. The Stanley Cup is a symbol of Canadian excellence, and it is a source of great pride for Canadians.
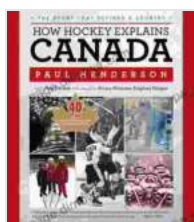
A Reflection of Canadian Society

Hockey is not just a game. It's a reflection of Canadian society. The game's history is closely intertwined with the history of Canada itself. Hockey has been used to promote national unity, and it has helped to shape Canadian values.

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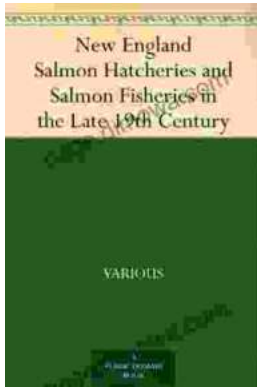### How Hockey Explains Canada: The Sport That Defines a Country by Paul Henderson

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