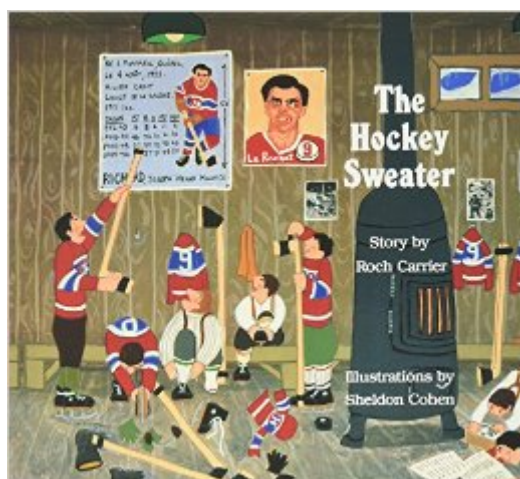


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# The Hockey Sweater



## Synopsis

In the days of Rochâ™s childhood, winters in the village of Ste. Justine were long. Life centered around school, church, and the hockey rink, and every boyâ™s hero was Montreal Canadiens hockey legend Maurice Richard. Everyone wore Richardâ™s number 9. They laced their skates like Richard. They even wore their hair like Richard. When Roch outgrows his cherished Canadiens sweater, his mother writes away for a new one. Much to Rochâ™s horror, he is sent the blue and white sweater of the rival Toronto Maple Leafs, dreaded and hated foes to his beloved team. How can Roch face the other kids at the rink? From the Hardcover edition.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

The Hockey Sweater is a book that I grew up loving and when I entered Teacher's College (Primary) I made it priority to have it in my library. I have found the book is excellent to read to students of all ages. The religious connotation is not a problem for public schools as long as a pre-intro is given to tell children that the Quebec education system was for the majority made up of Catholic schools. Living in a different country where ice hockey is not well known it has been a perfect book to describe hockey, which I get a lot of questions about. For the older students I have used it too describe the hidden cultural tension that exists behind the sport. I.E. the french and english rivalry and then expanded this to incorporate how rugby for example is similar when we

look at New Zealand...North and South Island or even in a larger context....New Zealand versus Australia.

My husband and I saw the short film that the book was based on (or vice versa) and were completely enchanted. When I saw *The Hockey Sweater* at our local bookstore, I bought it immediately and have shared it with everyone who remembers standing in the freezing cold at outdoor skating areas, listening to sticks crack on anything that could be used as a puck. There's no way not to love the innocence, beauty and evocative illustrations, especially if you love all of the good things about ice hockey, and remember the joy in following a favorite team - no matter what!

*The Hockey Sweater* is such a nice little childrens book that can melt the heart of any hockey fan no matter how old. The book is great for young people, the illustrations are adorable and there is some hockey history laid in the book as well. It is a nice look back on a semi-forgotten time and it is nice to introduce old-school hockey to the youngsters. I am going to read this book to my nephew once he is old enough and if that is not recommendation enough to get your hands on this book yourself, then I am lost for words.

All Canadians can identify with the character in this book, be they Montreal, Toronto, Detroit or other hockey teams fans. Everybody who grew up standing in hockey rinks, playing on the ice or dreaming about getting back on has gone through what the main character has. This is a true example of Canadian culture and can also be applied to other sports.

Every Canadian or kost can relate to this book. It will make you want to go play hockey today. This good is great to read to those young kids that play hockey.

If you remember hockey back when it was a Canadian sport, you'll like this kids tale of French Canada, back when Rocket Richard was THE idol, especially if you understand the great chasm between being a Leafs fan and being a Canadiens fan :-)

The story of a young Quebecois mortally dismayed at having received the wrong hockey sweater (of the hated Toronto Maple Leafs, no less) has become a true Canadian classic. A very readable story suitable for kids of all ages.

Contrary to other reviewers here, we loved the ending. The young boy did not want to be different. He did not want to be unique. He wanted to look like everyone else and wear the same Montreal Canadian hockey sweater as everyone else. The story does try to employ life lessons, morals and empathy. e.g., Mom states, "If you make up your mind about something before you try it, you won't go very far in this life." So, so true. Love that line. The illustrations are marvelous; almost laugh out loud wonderful. We have many children's hockey books. This is our favorite, hands down.

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