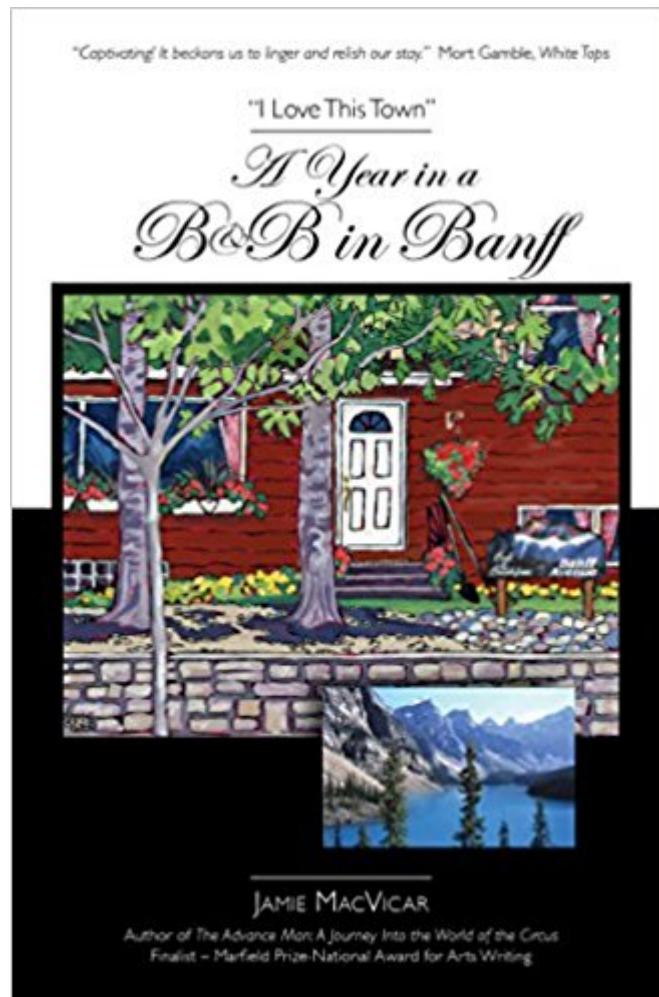


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# A Year In A B&B In Banff



## Synopsis

What happens when an American man meets a loveable Canadian who just happens to own a B&B? Stunning Banff! The adventure of the Canadian Rockies... so what's it like to live there and run a B&B? A witty, insightful look at life in a small town that is famously nestled in the Canadian Rockies. With a foot in both cultures, and comparisons aplenty, MacVicar takes the reader on an often hilarious, sometimes poignant, and always illuminating journey. It's an authentic look at Banff as it is today. And by the time you've finished this *affaire d'amour* you will feel like a local. From bear spray to toilet brushes, and crafty politicians to small-town monopolies, just when the reader least suspects it this non-fiction narrative takes an unexpected turn. And in the end it's a tale about what it is to be human, and to live in the Canadian Rockies surrounded by beauty - nourished by a natural world too rarely embraced.

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A GREAT book that will make you feel as though you are sitting in the quaint little B&B yourself, listening to Jamie tell his stories. His vivid descriptions of Banff coupled with the interesting history of the town and B&B will surely captivate you ... I finished it in two days because I simply couldn't put it down. For younger audiences in particular, McVicar will inspire your adventurous side, lending fantastic advice to "take the money you are about to spend on a Masters or Doctorate degree and travel. Shrink your world. It just might widen your sense of home."

This is a beautifully written love story about the trials and tribulations of running a B and B in the small mountain town of Banff located in the Canadian Rockies. Jamie's talent lies in his ability to tell a story with humour, insight and passion. The story is interspersed with fascinating, factual information about the geological and natural history of Banff and area. This story is captivating from beginning to end and is guaranteed to draw you to visit Banff if you haven't already done so (and perhaps check into a B and B). I highly recommend this sweet read.

We purchased this book after staying with the author in Banff. Knowing him made it interesting and meeting him first helped understand his style. I have loaned it to friends and encouraged others to buy it.

We met the author in Banff and enjoyed his book.

I didn't expect to find this book that interesting but was pleasantly surprised to discover it was not only very readable but actually, for the most part, very entertaining. As an armchair traveler I have read a lot of books of this ilk and this one does stand up to competition with the big name writers who make the top ten lists. If you enjoy travel books, books about the Canadian Rockies and nature material I think you'll find this a pleasing read.

I loved this story about an American living in the Canadian Rockies. It's like looking through a telescope alternately from one end and then the other: We see what day-to-day life in Banff is like and the beauty of the area, and then we get to step back and learn the history, the geography and the geology of the area. This is a great book if you've been to Banff or if you intend to go to Banff.

A well written humorous and informative book about the delightful town of Banff in the Canadian Rockies. The author joins a lovely Canadian woman who owns a B&B and gives us his astute observations on everyday life in this beautiful town. The book brings back wonderful memories of our recent visit to Banff (staying at this very B&B) and makes us anxious to return.

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