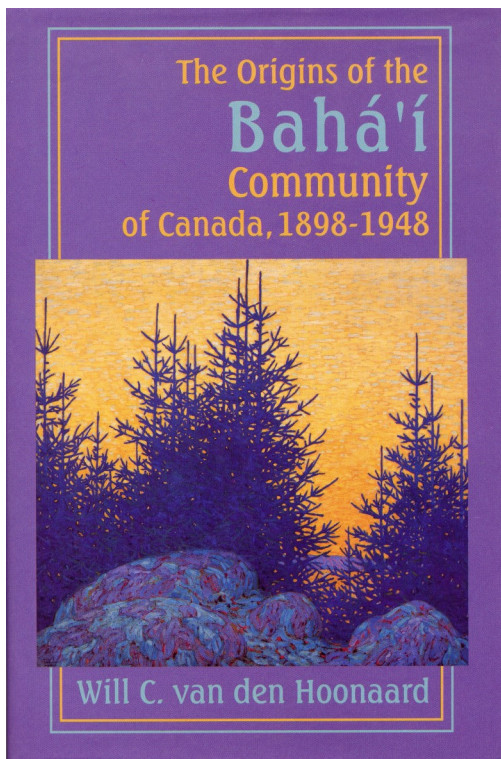


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A Serendipitous Journey Through Canadian Bahá'í History with Will C. van den Hoonard

Dr. Will van den Hoonard is the author, among many books, of *Origins of the Baha'i Community of Canada 1898-1944*. Says Will:

Doing research on Canadian Bahá'í history yielded many serendipitous treasures of research. My journey revealed surprising findings about the social characteristics of Bahá'í Community. It is no surprise that chaos attended that phase of Bahá'í history. A study of the visit of 'Abdu'l-Bahá to Canada in 1912 demonstrated the spiritually deep connection of the Montreal family of May Maxwell which paved the way for establishing the Bahá'í community on a secure footing. The early historical phase includes in-depth involvement of individual Bahá'ís with the Group of Seven painters, suffragettes, politicians, and Louis Riel. Joseph Frost (a cousin of the poet Robert Frost) also seems to have been familiar with Canada's earliest Bahá'ís.

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About Will Will is Professor Emeritus, Sociology, at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. He is author of 14 books on Iceland, the Dutch of New Brunswick, Bahá'í history, sociological research methods, a 700-year history of women in cartography, and ethics in research. He and Deborah van den Hoonard authored a study on the equality of women and men in the Canadian Bahá'í Community.

Born in The Hague (The Netherlands) Will has lived in France, Iceland, and the United States where he served as the Alternate Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations. He now resides in New Brunswick.

Will's latest publication is a children's book (2017): *Did You Ever Wonder: The Story of the Bab as a Child* ([Amazon.ca/.com](https://www.amazon.ca/))