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For all those looking for the ultimate guidebook to archaeological sites on the Canadian Plains, Liz Bryan’s Stone By Stone takes the reader to some of Canada’s most famous, and not so famous, archaeological sites. Unlike her previous book Canadian Plains Archaeology The Buffalo People (new edition 2005) that concentrates more on the actual archaeological timeline, this one reads more like a travel guide. Through vivid personal descriptions and stunning photography, this book easily whisk the reader from such large-scale sites as Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park in Alberta to the solitary buffalo rubbing stones of Saskatchewan. Archaeological anecdotes place these fantastic sites in their precontact context, giving the reader a glimpse into the sites’ timeframe and function. True to the guidebook format, the book has detailed directions and maps so you can visit on your own. One can interpret a detailed map in two ways: an easy way to view the sites or an easy way to loot them. Detailed descriptions should always be given with caution.

The only real flaw in this book is the lack of a preface that clearly states that removal or excavation of archaeological material is strictly prohibited by law. The section on rock art barely touched on the edict of viewing rock art and preserving its integrity. There is little reference to site protection and a section of preservation would make this book more credible. Despite this glaring omission, this is a great introduction to the more well known sites on the Canadian Plains for those who require a more visual guide and well worth a look.

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