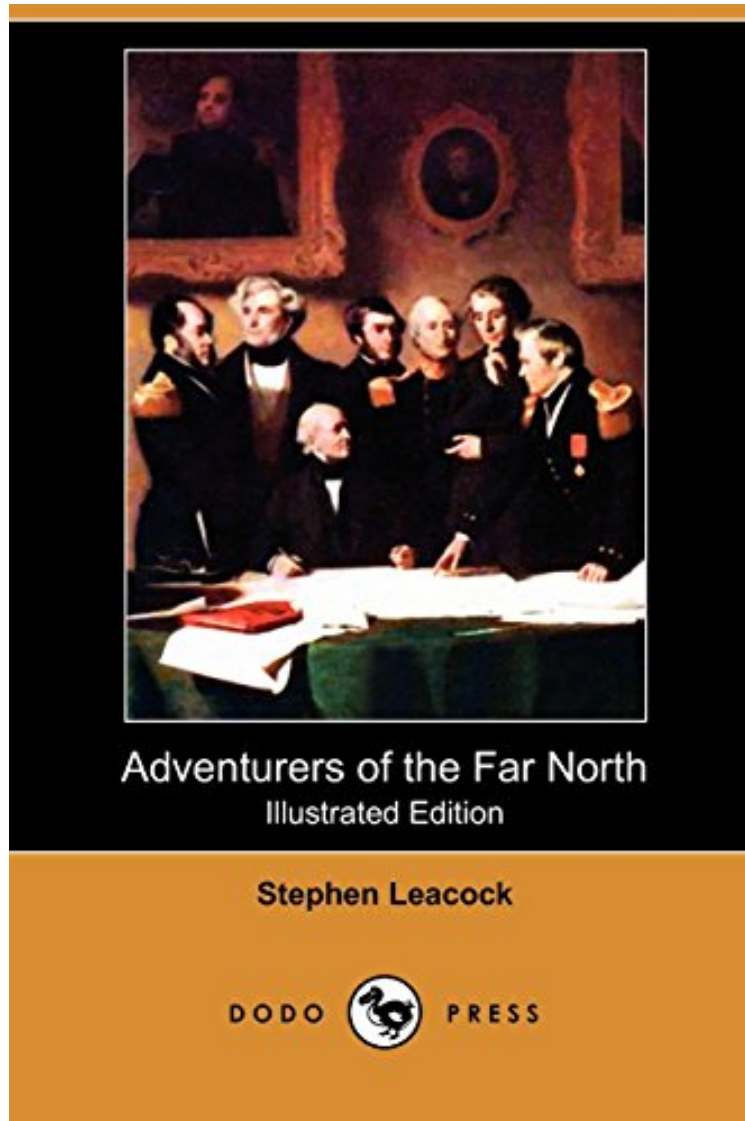


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Stephen Butler Leacock (1869-1944) was a Canadian writer and economist. Leacock, always of obvious intelligence, was sent to the elite private school of Upper Canada College in Toronto, where he was top of the class and so popular he was chosen as head boy. Early in his career Leacock turned to fiction, humour, and short reports to supplement and ultimately exceed his regular income. His stories, first published in magazines in Canada and the United States and later in novel form became extremely popular around the world. It was said in 1911 that more people had heard of Stephen Leacock than had heard of Canada. Although he wrote learned articles and books related to his field of study, his political theory is now all but forgotten. Leacock was awarded the Royal Society of Canada's Lorne Pierce Medal in 1937, nominally for his academic work. Among his famous works are: *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town* (1912), *Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich* (1914), *Moonbeams from the Larger Lunacy* (1915), *Frenzied Fiction* (1918), and *The Hohenzollerns in America* (1919).

About the Author Award-winning Canadian humorist and writer Stephen Leacock (1869-1944) was the author of more than 50 literary works, and between 1915 and 1925 was the most popular humorist in the English-speaking world. Leacock's fictional works include classics like *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*, *Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich*, and *Literary Lapses*. In addition to his humor writings, Leacock was an accomplished political theorist, publishing such works as *Elements of Political Science* and *My Discovery of the West: A Discussion of East and West in Canada*, for which he won the Governor General's Award for writing in 1937. Leacock's life continues to be commemorated through the awarding of the Leacock Medal for Humour and with an annual literary festival in his hometown of Orillia, Ontario.