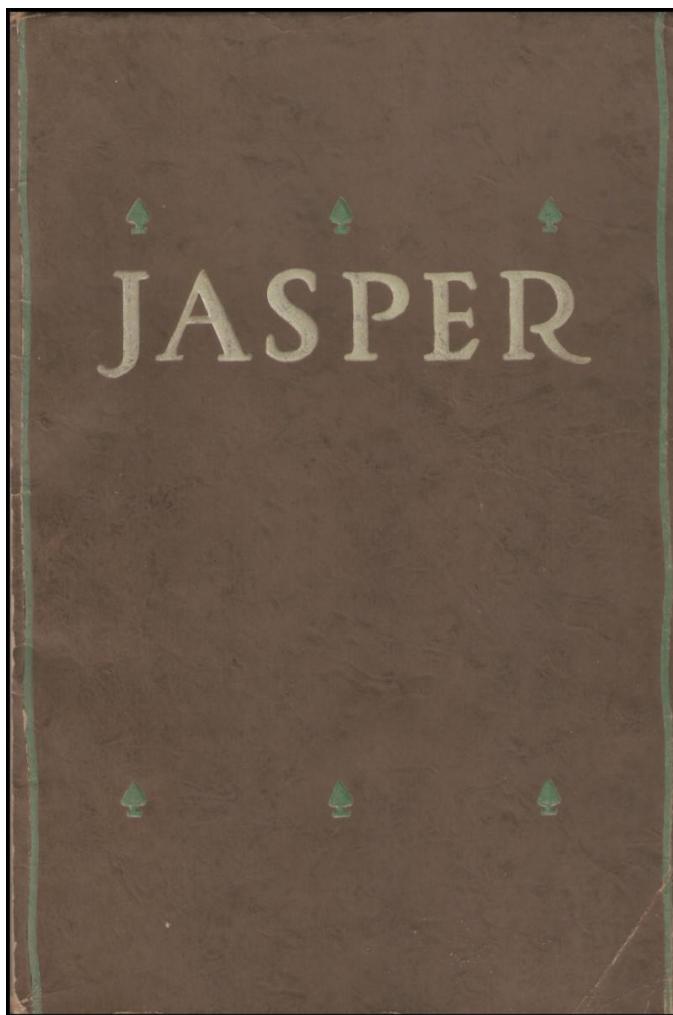




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To make some share of “the wild places of the land sacred,” is the avowed object of the national parks. Everywhere else the continent over, the swift tide of civilization rushes onward; the land our fathers knew disappears; the ancient forests fall before the lumberman; waterfalls are impoverished to turn the wheels of industry; the wild game is driven ever farther and farther back. But within the boundaries of the great national reservations lie a few thousand square miles, safe and inviolate, so far as it is within the power of man, from change and invasion. Of these national possessions in Canada the greatest is Jasper Park. (Text from Chapter 1)

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