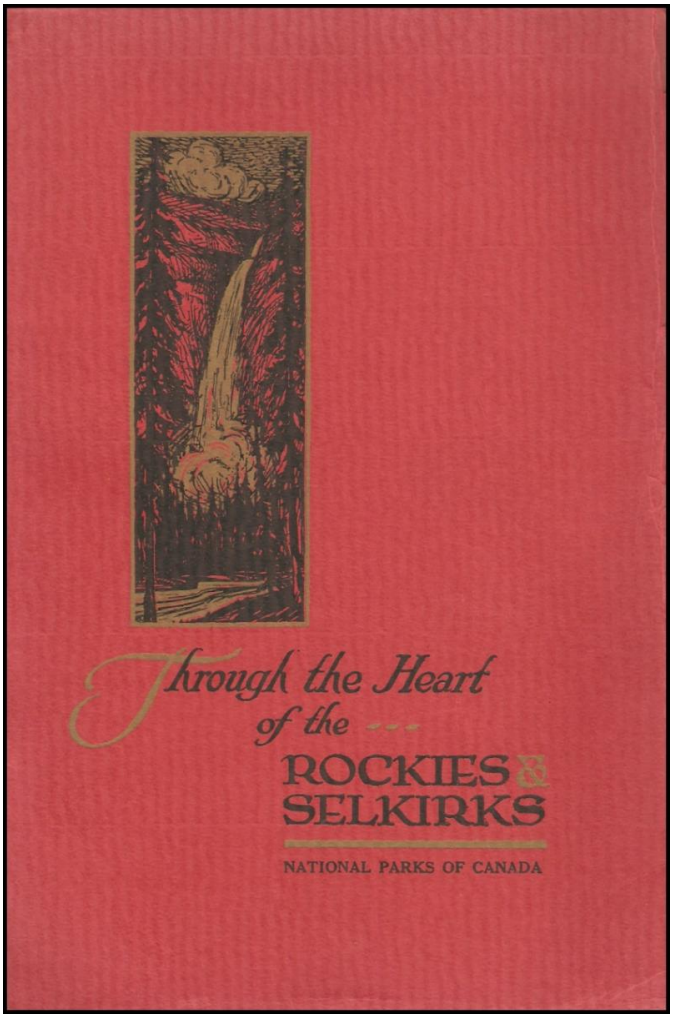
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> Mountain ranges that combine sublimity and beauty in equal measure are few in number. Among these for centuries the Alps have stood pre-eminent. In the last half century, however, a new mountain region, The Canadian Rockies, equalling the Alps in mingled beauty and grendeur yet with a marked individuality and character of its own, has been opened to the world. It is a little more than forty years since the Canadian Pacific Railway unlocked the long closed door to the Canadian mountains. Already their fame has spread to all parts of the world and each year sees an increasing stream of travel from every country under the sun coming to admire the wonders of the glorious ranges. Yet, there is no danger of the Rockies becoming overcrowded. Their extent is so tremendous that they may well serve as the playground of almost unlimited numbers. (Text from Chapter 1)

This 1929 book is the fourth edition of a 1921 tourist guidebook, the first to be published under Mabel Bertha Williams's name. It guides tourists around the Banff Park, Yoho Park, Glacier Park and the Selkirks, and Mount Revelstock Park, outlining the vegetation and wildlife, trail trips, place names, altitudes, and maps.

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