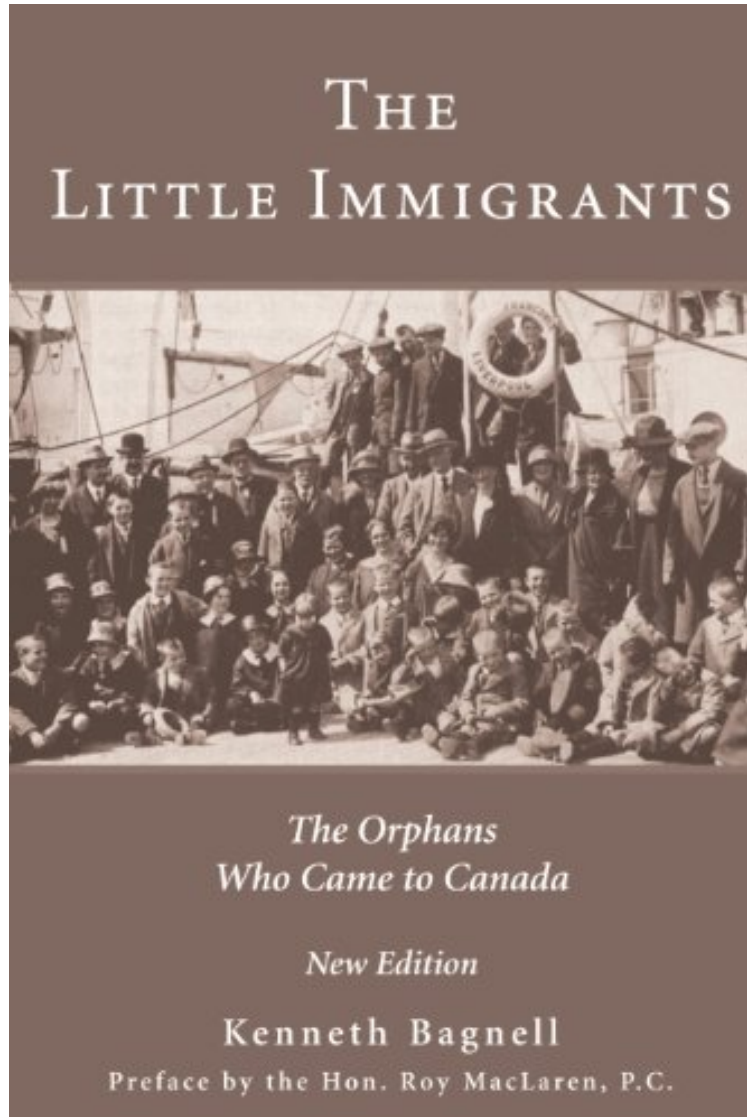


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Googled to find a book on it when I found this one - of English children who had been shipped to Canada.....thousands of them. What the author did brilliantly was paint effective portraits of both sides. From the government's side, they were doing their best to improve the lives of street children and those from impoverished families. But from the children's side, they faced such agony and emotional strife from being swept away from any family they did know and into a life which for some was tantamount to slavery considering what was expected of them. I hope everyone reads this and becomes as engaged in it as I did. It is thought provoking and eye-opening. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Lost Generation By Customer Although I knew about migration of children sent to Canada (my husband's two uncles were "Bernardo boys" early 1900's. One ran away and made it back to England; the other lived out his life in Canada; later married and had 11 children.) I had no real understanding of the numbers and scope of the migration. The book held my interest throughout, and the revelation of what all those innocent children suffered is heart rending. It is part of our North American history and gave me an understanding of a period I knew little about. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. "Little Immigrants," an important yet neglected story of the UK Child Migrants sent to Canada 1830 to 1947. By Roddy Mackay It is well-written and a factual account of the abuse that was suffered by far too many of the children migrants sent to Canada from Britain. I can recommend Kenneth Bagnell's book from personal experience as I happen to be one those child migrants who were sent to Canada in 1941. Australia, South Africa and New Zealand being members of the British Commonwealth also received several thousand of these homeless children. The largest group (over 100,000 British child migrants) were sent to Canada. In recent years, both the UK and Australian governments have apologized for their unforgivable failure to provide protection of these young defenceless children. While thousands of Canadians are direct descendants of these former child migrants, Canada has yet to acknowledge their culpability in their failures as cited in this tale of Dickensian pathos.

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