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Dedication

I would like to offer these stories in loving memory of my father, Jean-Paul Turmel. He was a man who followed tradition, and opened new horizons.

Jean-Paul cleared the land and farmed it in a region in Quebec, and also in Western Canada. He had a taste for adventure. Each spring, when the thaw announced the time for the harvesting of maple syrup, he was ready for it. As part of his family, I learned a lot from him. Thank you, Dad!

I also want to mention my horse, Dolly, with whom I worked in the sugar bush for 30 years. Her courage helped me to go through all these years and she will always stay in my memory. Dolly died in 2018 while volume 3 was being written. Thank you, Dolly.

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THE MAPLE MAN: 3 VOLUMES FOR YOUNG AND OLD

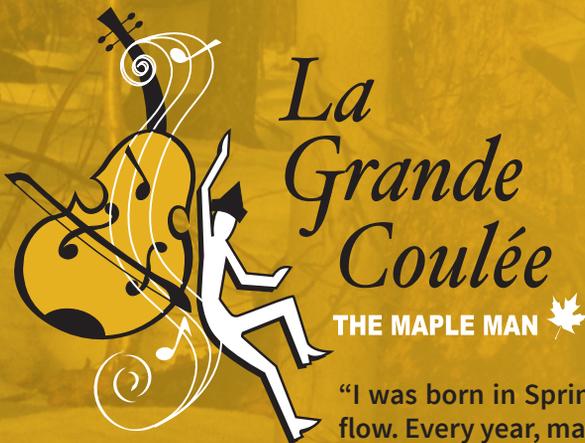
Three stories take us on a journey through time and permit us to discover the world of the maple tree.

The maple syrup industry is located in North-East America. In the province of Québec, it is closely intertwined with history and culture. The maple syrup time is known in French as “la saison des sucres” and is synonymous for springtime!

In Volume 1, we will explore and discover this wonderful resource by the First Nations’s peoples. In this volume, we will go back to ancestral times to learn about their culture. It’s an exciting journey!

Volume 2 takes place in the beginning of the seventeenth century. We cross the Atlantic Ocean towards a colony which will become Canada with an eleven-year-old heroine, Marie. She will be the link between First Nations’s knowledge about maple syrup and the early settlers.

Finally, in Volume 3, we meet René Turmel, The MAPLE MAN. This contemporary and sympathetic character devotes his talent and energy to perpetuate the tradition, and to tell young and old about the making of maple syrup.



“I was born in Springtime, when the maple trees sap begins to flow. Every year, maple trees give their sap for us to make syrup. That taste and smell resurrect in me the love of quiet, nature near, and life. My father taught me the art of maple syrup making and I have preserved his ways ever since. Maple syrup is a gift from nature. Gold from angels...

Every spring, I am reborn.”

RENÉ TURMEL

Maple syrup producer, from father to son.

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