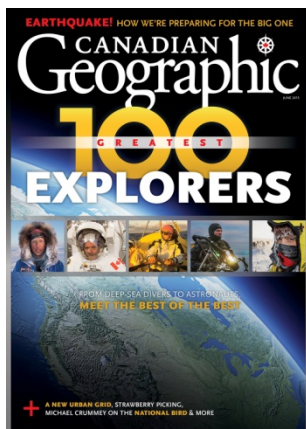


Canada's 100 greatest modern-day explorers *Canadian Geographic* goes boldly where no one has gone before



Ottawa, May 26, 2015 – For the first time ever, *Canadian Geographic* is profiling the “rock stars” of Canadian geography — our top 100 explorers whose feats of determination, ingenuity and strength have allowed us to better understand our world, whether in orbit around the Earth or in the furthest depths of the ocean. This special issue, which hits newsstands today, shows the “Golden Age” of exploration is far from over.

“We’re a people who won’t let a little geography or weather stand in the way of learning about our world,” says Dr Joe MacInnis, one of the first to dive the wreck of the *Titanic*. “Exploration for me is about the awe and wonder of being the first to discover a world we’ve only imagined, and surviving to tell the tale. This feature is really a celebration of how Canadians are at the forefront of many modern-day discoveries.”

The Top 100 include familiar names like astronaut Chris Hadfield, who famously serenaded Canadians from the International Space Station with his guitar. But there are many heroes — both sung and unsung — whose exploits deserve greater attention. The aptly named Fred Roots — geologist, geophysicist and diplomat — was honoured by having an entire mountain chain in Antarctica named after him. Toronto-born Jill Heinerth has ventured deeper than any other woman into the Earth’s underwater caves. And Phil Nuytten has designed submersibles that are helping prepare astronauts for future asteroid work.

“These explorers prove the Age of Exploration continues,” says Gilles Gagnier, publisher of *Canadian Geographic* magazine. “Champlain had his astrolabe to explore the Great Lakes and today James Cameron has his Deepsea Challenger submersible to explore the Pacific Ocean’s Mariana Trench. The gear has changed, but the spirit of exploration is as alive as ever.”

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