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This book is the best introduction to the literature and mentality of the Quebecois. Dr. Ferron had a brilliant sense of humour. For years he ran for the Rhinoceros party in Pierre Trudeau's riding never winning. He made multiple electoral promises. He wanted to double the postage rate for individuals whose mail was being opened by the police in order to cover the costs of the photocopies. He pledged also that the Rocky Mountains would be shared equalled by all 10 Canadian provinces in order to combat regional inequalities.

My favourite story in this collection tells of a family gathered around the bed of their dying grandfather who has lost the power to speak. The old man keeps making motions with his hands that the family members desperately try to interpret. Finally they realize he wants the chamber pot. After searching frantically for several minutes they tell the old man that they cannot find it. He then says: "That is all right. I will go on the other side." At this point he dies.

I hope you like this collection of stories. If you do not at least you will learned something about we French Canadians.
