



## CANADIAN MONEY by Elizabeth MacLeod

- Have you ever heard of the “lucky loonie”?
- Did you know that Canada once had a \$4 bill?

Canadians carry many interesting things in their pockets, from the Queen to poppies to birds — and they’re all on money! Learn all about Canadian money, how it’s unique, even how to start a coin collection.

In *Canadian Money*, kids will:

- Find out about saving, investing and sharing money.
- Learn how Canada’s coins and bills are minted and printed.
- Discover why playing cards were once used as money in Canada. And much more!

## CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

**Math:** Charitable donations, Credit, Saving money, Using money.

**Social Studies:** Canadian heritage, Canadian history, Cultures, Economic systems, Hobbies.

## REVIEWS

- ... **an excellent introduction** to this country’s paper and metal currency ... will both inform readers and whet their appetites to acquire more detailed information about the money that daily passes through our hands. Highly Recommended. Four stars (out of four) — *CM Magazine*
- **Everything kids need to know about money:** How do we make it? And where did it come from? In *Canadian Money*, simple concepts about the use of currency are explored — from early days of bartering to today’s Royal Canadian Mint coins and Bank of Canada notes. — *Canadian Bookshelf*

## TRY THESE ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR STUDENTS

- Take a look at a bill. Can you find all of the features on it that make it difficult to counterfeit?
- Do you know any coin collectors? Talk to them about their collections and start your own, if you like.
- See page 53 — how do you feel about getting rid of the penny? Is it a good idea or a bad one?
- Our \$1 and \$2 coins are nicknamed loonies and toonies. If we get a \$5 coin, what should we call it?
- Find out more about wampum.
- Pretend you’re a ten-dollar bill. Write about a day in your life and all the places you go.
- With your eyes closed, see how many Canadian coins and bills you can identify just by touch.
- Design a coin. What picture would you put on it to tell people about Canada?
- List the benefits and disadvantages of having a credit card.

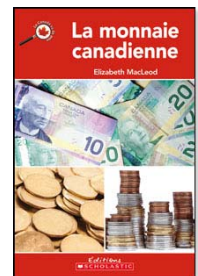
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