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Colombo, John Robert (1936-)

Prolific Canadian author, poet, editor, and compiler of dictionaries of quotations along with anthologies relating to Canadian history and culture. Colombo was born on 24 March 1936 in Kitchener, Ontario. He has been the author, compiler or translator of over 190 books during the past five decades.

Colombo often turns his attention to Canadian tales of the supernatural, GHOSTS and UFOs. Among his publications are *Colombo's Book of Marvels* (1979), *Friendly Aliens* (1981), *Mackenzie King's Ghost* (1991), *Close Encounters of the Canadian Kind* (1994), *Ghost Stories of Ontario* (1995), *Haunted Toronto* (1996), *Mysteries of Ontario* (1999), *Weird Stories* (1999), *Ghost Stories of Canada* (2000), *Canadian Tales of Terror* (2004), *The Monster Book of Canadian Monsters* (2004) and *True Canadian UFO Stories* (2004). In *Conjuring Up the Owens* (1999), Colombo compiled the memories of the many friends and colleagues of Canadian psychical researchers A.R.G. OWEN and IRIS M. OWEN, as a tribute to their multi-faceted careers.

In 2006 Colombo hosted a six-part Canadian television mini-series, *Unexplained Canada*.

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