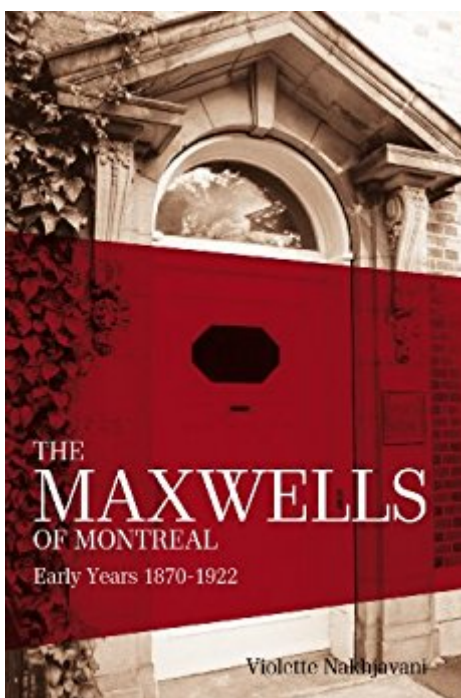


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Synopsis

Beginning with their childhood years, this is the story of May Bolles and Sutherland Maxwell; their youth, their meeting and courtship in Paris; their marriage; their first pilgrimages; the birth of their daughter and the historic visit of â ^Abduâ ™I-BahÃ¡j to their home in Montreal in 1912.~~~~~One family, bonded in their love for the BahÃ¡jâ ™Ã- Faith and for each other, committed through decades of uninterrupted service to the promotion and establishment of that Faith worldwide. They were born during the Heroic Age of the Faith â “ the parents during the lifetime of BahÃ¡jâ ™uâ ™IIÃ¡h, the child during the Ministry of â ^Abduâ ™I-BahÃ¡j â “ and they lived to serve the Guardian of the Cause during the early decades of the Formative Age at the most critical time of his ministry. The mother became a â ^beloved handmaid and distinguished discipleâ ™ of â ^Abduâ ™I-BahÃ¡j, of whom He wrote that â ^her company uplifts and develops the soulâ ™. The father was a noble, cultured and saintly man, an outstanding architect, not only of the Shrine of the BÃ¡j but also as a partner in the largest and most preeminent architectural firm in Canada during the first quarter of the 20th century. And the daughter grew up to play a unique role in history as the wife of the Guardian of the BahÃ¡jâ ™Ã- Faith. Their names were May Bolles, William Sutherland and Mary â “ the Maxwells of Montreal. Volume I (Early Years) covers the years 1870â “1922, beginning with the childhood years of May Bolles and Sutherland Maxwell; their youth, their meeting and courtship in Paris; their marriage and their first pilgrimages. It tells the story of the birth of their daughter and the historic visit of â ^Abduâ ™I-BahÃ¡j to their home in Montreal just before World War I. It also describes the early development and training of young Mary, the familyâ ™s activities during the war years, the reception of the Tablets of the Divine Plan, and the passing of â ^Abduâ ™I-BahÃ¡j which ended the Heroic Age of the BahÃ¡jâ ™Ã- Faith. The book draws on over 1,600 personal letters between May, Sutherland and Mary Maxwell (Amatuâ ™I-BahÃ¡j RÃªhÃ-yyih KhÃ¡num), together with about 1,400 letters which the three Maxwells exchanged with their relatives and some of the early BahÃ¡jâ ™Ã- s. It includes citations from the 195 Tablets, letters and cables from â ^Abduâ ™I-BahÃ¡j, Shoghi Effendi, and the Greatest Holy Leaf to members of the family, which have never been transcribed before. It also contains extracts from RÃªhÃ-yyih KhÃ¡numâ ™s notebooks, the memoirs of her mother, sketches made by her father, and articles and photographs related to the period.

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