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# Preface

This is the sixth Canadian edition of *Consumer Behaviour*. The changes over all these editions have really made this a unique text that captures the Canadian identity.

The textbook still carries Michael R. Solomon's trademark of vastly interesting examples and issues. We have tried not to interfere with his winning style, but have definitely added our own twist. Chapters 12 and 13 are presented with a distinctly Canadian focus. Throughout, we have integrated successful Canadian stories. In addition, the "CB As I See It" boxes, which present the point of view of consumer researchers, are all from scholars of Canadian universities. The cases presented at the end of each chapter all represent real companies and issues that have a distinctly Canadian focus.

### APPROACH AND OBJECTIVE TO BUYING, HAVING, AND BEING

As the book's subtitle, "Buying, Having, Being," suggests, our version of this field goes beyond looking at the act of buying to having and being as well. Consumer behaviour is more than buying things; it also embraces the study of how having (or not having) things affects our lives and how our possessions influence the way we feel about ourselves and about each other—our state of being.

In addition to understanding why people buy things, we also try to appreciate how products, services, and consumption activities contribute to the broader social world we experience. Whether shopping, cooking, cleaning, playing basketball, hanging out at the beach, or even looking at ourselves in the mirror, our lives are touched by the marketing system. And, as if these experiences were not complex enough, the task of understanding the consumer multiplies dramatically when a multicultural perspective is taken. In addition to the numerous examples of marketing and consumer practices relating to consumers and companies, chapters contain boxes called "Consumers in Focus" that highlight ways in which consumption impacts us as individual consumers

The book also emphasizes the importance of understanding consumers in formulating marketing strategy. Many (if not most) of the fundamental concepts in marketing are based on the practitioner's ability to know people. After all, if we don't understand why people behave as they do, how can we identify their needs? If we can't identify their needs, how can we satisfy those needs? To illustrate the potential of consumer research to inform marketing strategy, the text contains numerous examples of specific applications of consumer behaviour concepts by marketing practitioners, as well as examples of windows of opportunity where such concepts might be used—perhaps by alert strategists after taking this course! Many of these possibilities are highlighted in special features called "Marketing Insight."

## FEATURES OF THE SIXTH CANADIAN EDITION

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