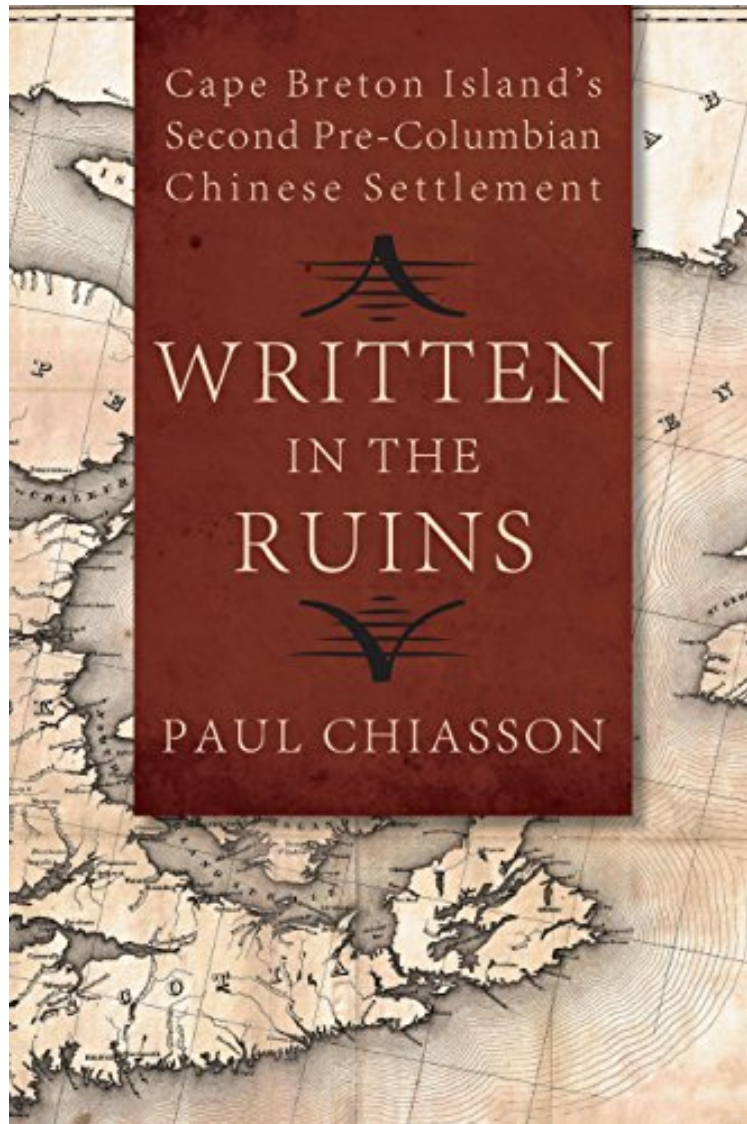


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many rethink early exploration in the Americas. Now he returns to Cape Breton Island to explore new ruins finding more ancient mysteries. Unlike some who write on these topics and grasp at straws or do little research, Chiasson has uncovered more evidences pointing to explorers predating the French and English. It continues to defy logic that this island is ignored, even when the natives of the region assert these early explorers existed - and their own culture appears to have taken cues from the Chinese. Chiasson also examines the claims made concerning the Zen brothers and Sinclair landing in the region. As he points out, supporting evidence is often thin as some present it, but is it completely without merit? I too agree that equating Sinclair with Zichmni is a stretch, but I have read elsewhere that Sinclair was often spelled "Zincler," which opens up a whole different possibility. One of the more deeper studies of Zen/Sinclair reaching the New World is *Irresistible North*. Regardless, this area seems to be part of a region that had seen much activity pre-Columbus, from Vikings to possibly now the Chinese. Menzies really opened the idea of Chinese in the New World with *1421: The Year China Discovered America*, though sometimes hurt himself by throwing in every tenuous evidence (his *Who Discovered America?* solidified his argument better). Chiasson's books have laid out the groundwork for serious inquiry into where and when the ancient Chinese fleets landed. In 2016, evidence of a second Viking site was found, so will people start to take seriously other sites and evidence of pre-1492 explorers? Or will we continue to cling to outdated bias that has long ago been discredited? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Important New Historical Discoveries By DAVID ALLENI admire Chiasson's writing and find his take on these ruins very convincing. I had never heard of the idea that Chinese settled Cape Breton and Nova Scotia before the Europeans did. I think he has done a very thorough analysis of this subject and is willing to go in courageous new directions in Canadian history. Of course he finds a lot of opposition, this always happens when controversial new evidence emerges. He sticks to the facts he has come upon and doesn't expand on all the possibilities these new developments imply. I wish he did a little more of that. This book focuses on one little town and the ruins he comes across are not remarkably interesting, certainly not something like Stonehenge, but the fact that he proves they are pre-European is the fascinating part. My only problem with the book is he is making a whole book out of a somewhat dry story about this one little area. To accomplish this he bring in other controversies about who else may have appeared in Nova Scotia and how early. His attention to details, while demonstrating thorough research can be a little more than I really desire to read about. I certainly hope Mr. Chiasson writes more books about this subject, I believe there are many more ruins to find and the implications of his writing will upset the whole colonial settlement appercart in eastern Canada. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Truly Odd Historical Clues Make Cape Breton Island Very Different By L. Thomas Ramsey "Written in the Ruins" is a valuable, must-read follow-up to Paul Chiasson's earlier book, "The Island of Seven Cities". The earlier book argues that a large site on Cape Breton was built by Chinese explorers before Columbus. "Written in the Ruins" interprets a second site of ruins on Cape Breton Island. The second book updates the reader about the controversial first site and interprets the ruins (and stories) about a second site on Cape Breton. I am impressed by the diverse historical sources brought to light by Mr. Chiasson, sources that provide striking clues that Cape Breton is indeed "different" enough to warrant thorough archaeological exploration. I am also impressed by his thorough review of criticisms that have been offered to the first book (see also three short youtube videos that address these effectively). Chiasson has helped open the door to an expanded history of North America; I look forward to learning that someone has walked through that door by scientifically excavating parts of the two sites.

2017 Robbie Robertson Dartmouth Book Award Shortlisted Paul Chiasson reveals the possibility that early Chinese settlers landed in Cape Breton long before Europeans. From the very beginning of the European Age of Discovery, Cape Breton was considered unusual. The history of the area even includes early references to the island having once been the land of the Chinese. In 1497, at least a century before any attempt at European settlement in the region, the explorer John Cabot had referred to Cape Breton as the Island of Seven Cities. The indigenous people of the region, the Mikmaq, were the only aboriginal people of North America who had a written language when Europeans first arrived. This writing, clothing, and customs also suggested an early Chinese presence. In *Written in the Ruins*, Chiasson investigates the ruins at St. Peters in the southern part of the island, where evidence brought to light supports a theory that could answer all the questions raised by the islands curious, unresolved history.

About the Author Paul Chiasson is the author of *The Island of Seven Cities: Where the Chinese Settled When They Discovered America*, a book that explores the possibility that early Chinese explorers settled in the Cape Dauphin area of Cape Breton years before Columbus made his famous voyage. He lives in Toronto.