

Online Book Club

Mystery at Niagara Falls

Fascinating Facts

- Ten percent of the water of Niagara Falls flows over the American Falls. The other ninety percent flows over the Horseshoe Falls.
- Today 50 percent of the Niagara River never makes it to the falls because it is diverted for power. This percentage increases to 75 percent at night and in the winter months.
- The Niagara River is not a river; it is a straight.
- One and a half million gallons of water flow through the Niagara River every second.
- The first and only time both the American Falls and the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side fell silent was on the night of March 29, 1848. An ice jam formed on Lake Erie near Buffalo, blocking the water that flows along the Niagara River.
- Seven people have gone over the falls in a barrel. Only four survived!
- With power requirements and anti-erosion measures, erosion has been reduced to less than one foot a year.
- The famous Red Hill saved 28 people from death over the falls.
- A free swimmer has never conquered the lower rapids.
- The word Niagara comes from the neutral Indian word *onguiaahra*, meaning "Thunder of Waters."

