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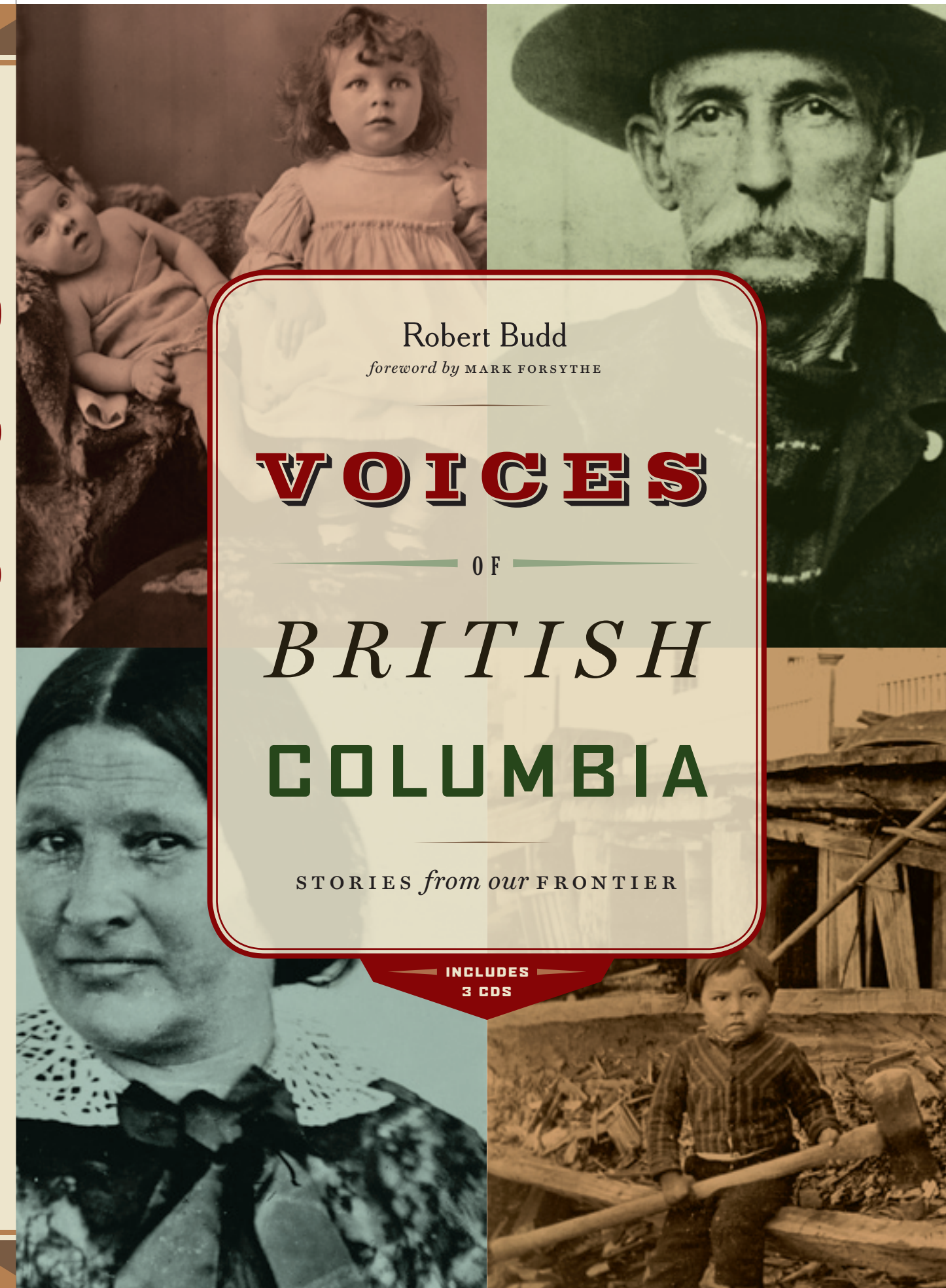
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BETWEEN 1959 and 1966, the late CBC Radio journalist Imbert Orchard travelled across British Columbia with recording engineer Ian Stephen interviewing nearly a thousand of the province's pioneers. The resulting collection—a remarkable 2,700 hours of original audiotapes describing both extraordinary events and everyday experiences—is considered by historians to be one of the best sources of primary information about the province. To the general public, however, these tales of hostile confrontations during the gold rush, running pack trains through rugged passes in the Interior or simply being awestruck by the beauty of this unfamiliar country remain virtually unknown.

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