

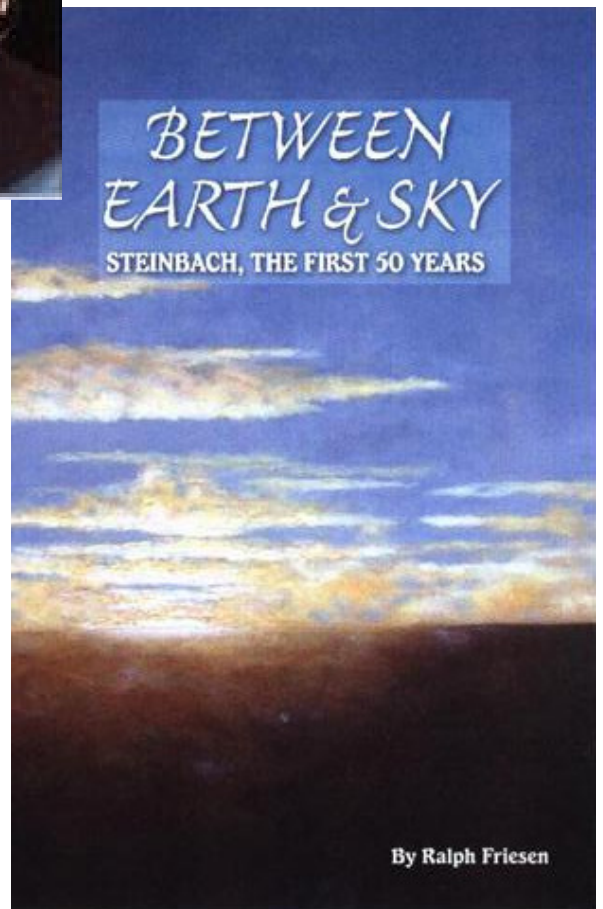
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Ralph Friesen was born in Steinbach, in 1945, the descendant of Abraham S. and Katharina Friesen. In childhood he was known by his first name, Peter –the change to his second name (Ralph) occurred in Grade Five when the teacher was faced with distinguishing five different boys named Peter.



This book recounts the remarkable story of Steinbach's pioneers: the 18 Low-German speaking Mennonite families who in 1874 built a peaceful, closely-knit farm village on the eastern edge of the great Canadian prairie. Over the decades that followed, Steinbach slowly evolved into a regional commercial center, welcomed newcomers and built ties to other communities, but it never departed from its original faith based principles. Friesen pays tribute to those who created the foundation for the Steinbach of today.



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