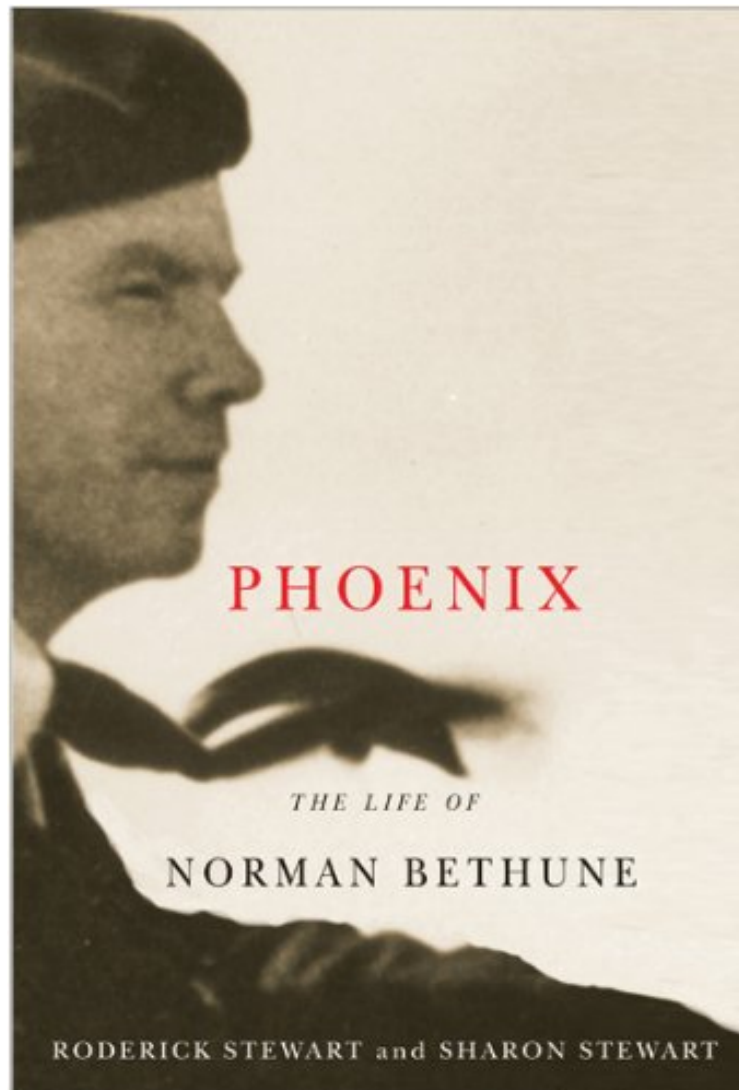


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became a pioneer in trying to introduce medicare in Canada. This led to a study of Marxism and further a study into communism. After a turbulent time in Spain and a disappointing homecoming, he decided to become a communist, which finally led him to performing battlefield surgery in China, with the army. This meant that he went from camp to camp not only looking after the wounded but when, and if time allowed, he looked after villagers. He helped the blind to see, the lame to walk, and no child was turned away. His faith in communism became his big commitment and it drove him to take many risks. This led to death due to an infection which he caught while operating without gloves (there were no gloves) in a remote part of China. The research for this book has been endless. Both authors have followed the trail of this man for 40 years! The research was endless, and that has resulted in one of the best biographies of our times. I must just add that the many foot notes give a clarity and a broadminded picture of a really extraordinary Canadian, and perhaps one can say of the world. Read it and judge for yourself.

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