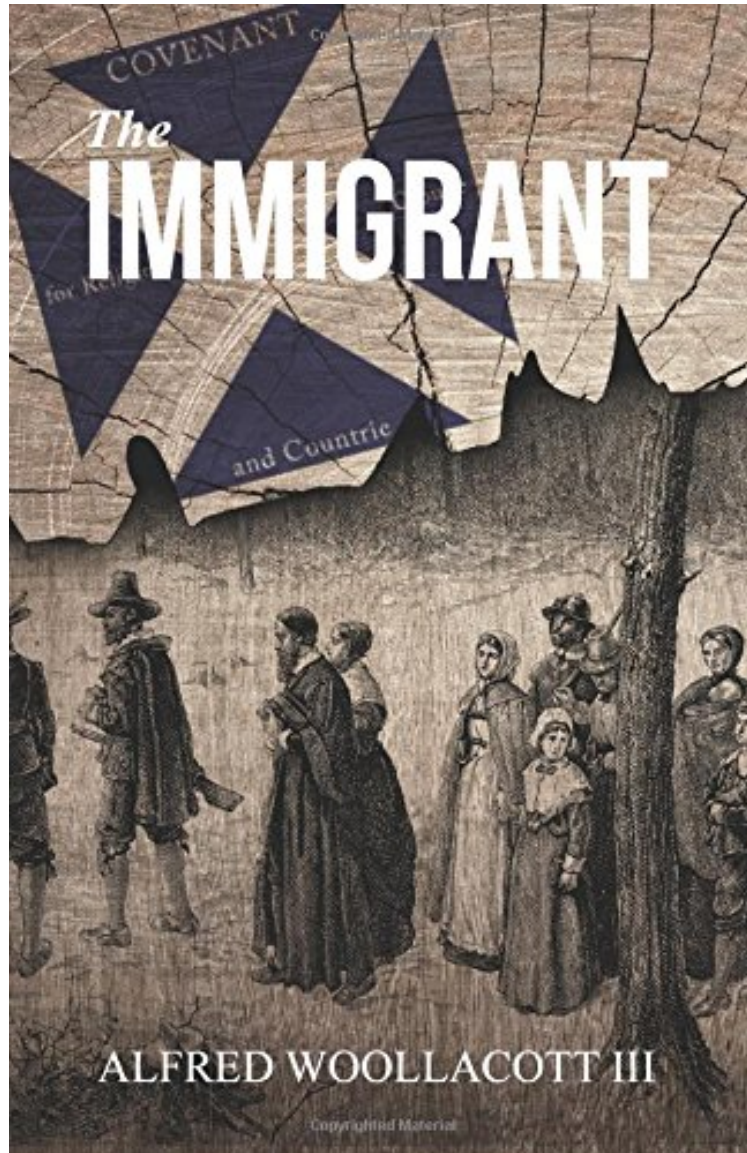


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**Alfred Woollacott III : The Immigrant: One from My Four Legged Stool** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Immigrant: One from My Four Legged Stool:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An outstanding first novel...a keeper By LexingtonMAN Living in Middlesex County Massachusetts, near where the action in The Immigrant predominately occurs, and an avid history buff about the birthing of this great nation, I learned of this recently published historical fiction and decided to give it to myself for Christmas. Alas, when it arrived a few days ago, I flipped a few pages and could not wait to get into it.

This is a story of a Scottish immigrant who was taken as a prisoner of war to the shores of the New World in the mid-17th century, shortly after the Plymouth Rock landing. I was immediately hooked by its audacious realism, historical insights, and sheer readability. Woollacott has the rare ability to capture the nuance of the historical narrative while imbuing his characters with a crackling rich dialogue that springs from the pages. As one reads through the story, one becomes transported to an immensely important time in our history, seeing exactly how they lived, and died, and struggled, and the enormous forces that weighed against their new way of life and culture, both from Great Britain and from the Indian tribes with whom they have to co-exist. I wholeheartedly recommend this book to all who enjoy a good historical fiction. I started the book, intending to stretch it out over a week, and found that I was unable to put it down. Well done, Laddie. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Genealogy brought to life. By Linda U We often restrict our genealogical research to dates and places of birth, marriage and death. We may be lucky enough to include an occupation or a residence or a date of arrival into our country. But we rarely take the time to merge our ancestors with the history of the people and places that may have had an impact on their lives. I have often wondered myself, why did my husband's 5times\_great\_grandfather come to Detroit in the 1780s and how did his family survive in the poorest area of Kent county during that time? Or what was happening in Scotland in the early 19th century to cause my Laing ancestors to leave Scotland and settle in Ontario Canada? This book makes me more determined to bring my ancestors alive by researching more deeply into the histories of the places and people when they were here. I recognize the strange feelings that the author felt when standing in the spot where his ancestors lived their lives, so different from what we experience today. I have felt the pull of my own ancestors to find out more about their lives. Thanks to the author for renewing my zeal to tell my own family story. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Mix of History and Fiction By Evan W. I have always had an interest in novels which pertain to history, but had never read one from the colonial era. Aside from being a wonderfully written piece of fiction, the novel also provides the reader with a history lesson covering two shorelines. Time and time again while reading the novel I would find that I was putting myself in the main characters shoes. In reading this book you will gain an adequate understanding of what it would have been like to live in early colonial America. Additionally, the author does a wonderful job providing the reader with a feel for the difficulties in being a Scottish Indentured Servant through the eyes of his main character, John Law. Throughout the novel the author weaves in the stories of the local town-folk and neighboring Indians, all the while adding in historical context to back his wonderful storytelling. By the end of the novel, you will find that it is not just John Law going through his daily routine, but you too are there with him, toiling in the fields to shape his "New Scotland".

A historical saga that covers a winter of 1650/1651 journey of John Law, a young Scotsman captured by the English Lord Cromwells forces in seventeenth century Scotland during The Battle of Dunbar. He survives a death march to Durham, England and is eventually sent to Massachusetts Bay Colony as an indentured servant, arriving aboard the ship Unity that was carrying around 150 prisoners of war from different Scottish clans. Now an outcast, and in the sanctuary of the new colony, John starts over as an immigrant in a Puritan theocracy. He is first indentured to the Saugus Iron Works and then to Concord as a public shepherd in West Concord (now Acton). The young man faces obstacles often beyond his control, and his only ally is his faith. After his indenture is served he struggles a near lifetime to obtain title to his promised land. From start to finish The Immigrant is an intoxicating journey that follows the travails of John, his faith in God, his good wife and growing family.

About the Author Alfred Woollacott, III retired from KPMG in 2002 after a career spanning 34 years, choosing to reside full time at his summer residence on Martha's Vineyard. Being "45 minutes from America" and with a 50 - 60 hour per week void to fill, he began dabbling into his family history. His dabbling grew into an obsession and he published several genealogical summaries of his ancestors. But certain ones absorbed him such that he could not leave them. So he researched their lives and times further while evolving his writing skills from "just the facts ma'am" to a fascinating narrative style. Thus with imagination, anchored in fact and tempered with plausibility, a remote ancestor can achieve a robust life as envisioned by a writer with a few drops of his ancestors blood in his veins. More than a historical novel, The Immigrant has many meaningful layers to savor and several historical puzzles to uncover. For more about Alfred Woollacott, III and his writings visit his website at <http://www.myfourleggedstool.com/>