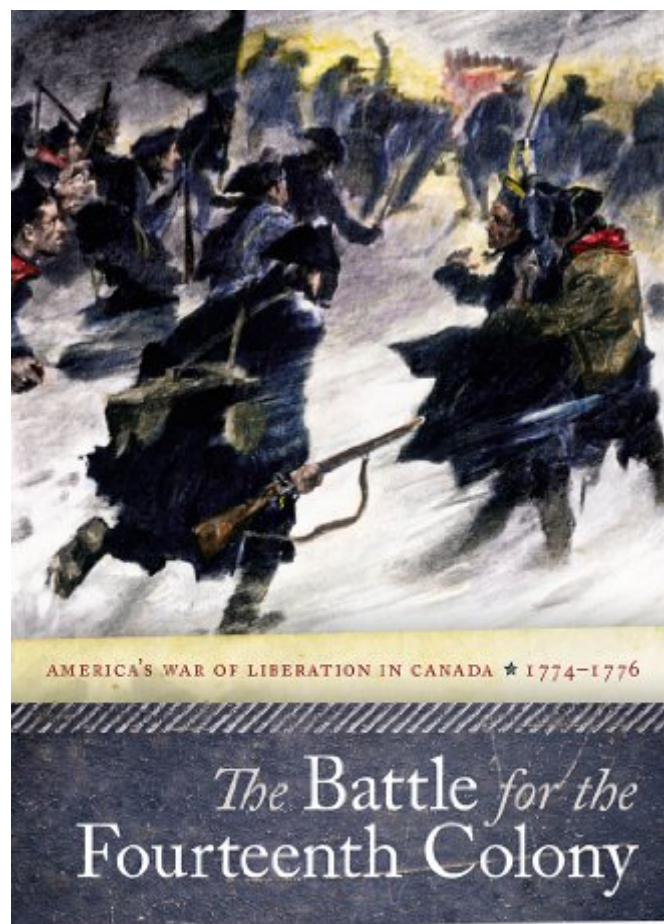




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a bit ponderous. but a fascinating subject

Know anything about The Articles of Confederation? It contains provisions that include Canada in the formation of our country.

The Battle for the 14th Colony should be read by anyone considered an expert on the American Revolution because so very few are aware that such a thing every happened. 1774 two years before the declaration of independence the Continental Congress invaded Canada and occupied it for two years in an attempt to convenience the Canadians to become the 14th state and join in the war against England. It was considered by most to be a welcomed invitation and Canadians would immediately join,.At that time Canada consisted of Quebec and what is now eastern Ontario...There

were three groups to consider, the Indians, the French Canadians, and the British Canadians. The occupation was peaceful with little military problems. Montreal was the main American base, but the prize to end the "war" would be the capture of the capital of Canada Quebec. Washington, appointed the American General proposed an "easy" rout from eastern New York following a series of lakes and rivers to the St Lawrence River then a quick crossing and capture of the capital.. His favorite and hand picked general for the invasion army was Benedict Arnold.. Three things doomed the invasion from the beginning; the English passed "The Quebec Act" which for the time was extreme lenient for the French Canadians. It left the French language alone & left the Catholic Church in charge as it was before Canada was ceded to England.. The others general were jealous of Arnold and would not give him the cannons he requested to break the walls of Quebec .. England colonists in New England colonies were strongly anti Catholic. The Catholic church would excommunicate any who voiced favor for the 14th colony idea. The Indians wisely remained neutral and the winter weather [for which Arnold's Army was not prepared for] killed the effectiveness of the army.. Arnold's army surrounded Quebec but could not make a breach in the walls to enter. They lost their other good general, Montgomery in a final attack to scale the walls. Most of the American forces were captured and the whole idea was called off; those who could returned to the 13 colonies., it was 1776 and the Declaration of Independence had been issued.. The weakness of the Continental Congress was exposed so a stronger united form of union was suggested, the "United States".....This book covers it all in great detail in an easy to read manner;. a great gift to anyone interested in the early formation of the United States. PS They would again try to capture Canada with the war of 1812 but were again defeated by the Canadians now reinforced with thousands of "United Empire Loyalists..

An in-depth and very interesting work on a little known aspect of the American Revolution- The Invasion of Canada by the American continentals to try and coax the province of Quebec to join the cause of liberty. Although the invasion ultimately failed, the cause was righteous. The invasion and loss in Canada should be placed alongside of the Alamo as an honorable defeat.

Well researched and authoritative but dry, slow paced.

A very unique view, and explained in terms of the time it was written

An excellent book dealing with an important part of history that is largely ignored and/or forgotten or

simply glossed over. While hardly an exciting, "can't put it down" book, it is well worth reading. Few people in either country seem aware of how close the thirteen American colonies came to adding Canada during the revolutionary war and uniting all of North America above the Rio Grande. Both the good moves and the blunders on both sides of conflict are given, without an attempt to find scapegoats or promote "heroes". I would strongly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in North American history.

Anderson's work demonstrated thorough research and a fresh understanding of this historically important campaign. Viewed principally from the operational perspective, he captured the complex challenges of command and control faced by the Continental commanders; while the Loyalist military, political, and religious leadership dealt with the daunting task of uniting a splintered populace for a common defense.

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