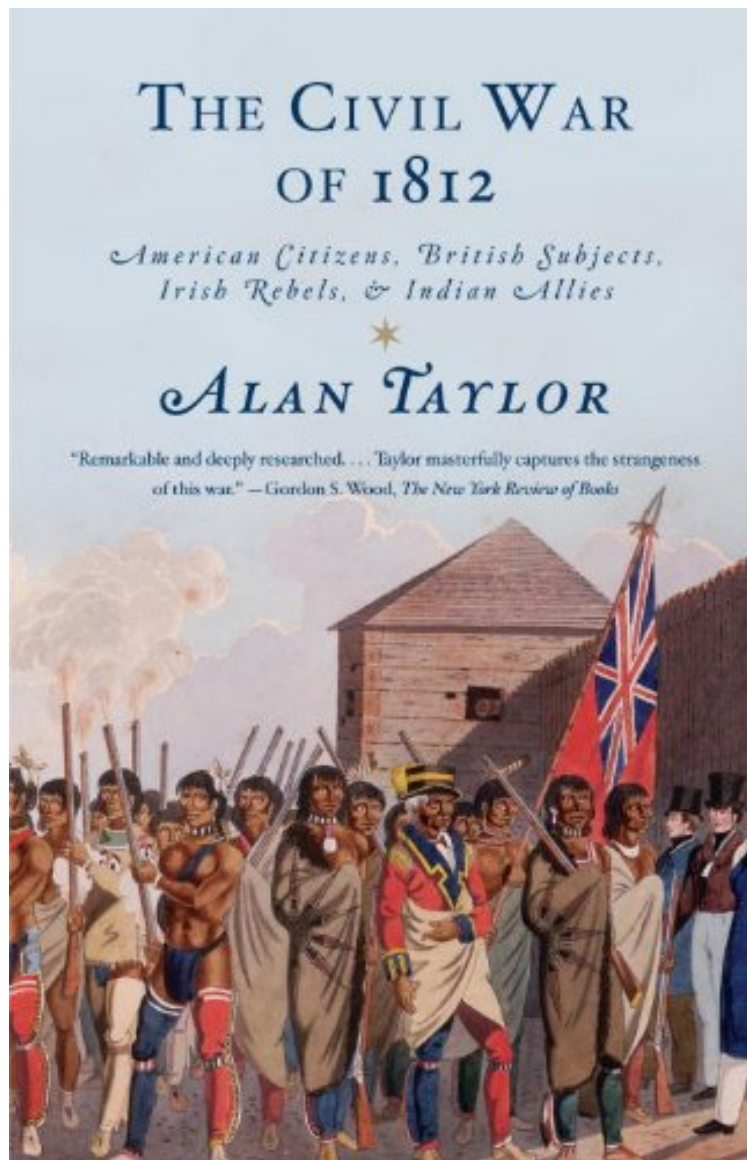


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Von Ergie Weggedorn
Dieses Buch konzentriert sich hauptsächlich auf die Kriegsgeschehnisse an der amerikanisch-kanadischen Grenze mit besonderem Augenmerk auf die beinahe brgerkriegshnlichen Zustnde zwischen US-Amerikanern und Kanadiern, welche damals noch sehr viel enger verflochten waren als heutzutage. Es werden nicht einfach nur 'Schlachten' abgehandelt, sondern das Buch strotzt nur so von Zitaten, Briefauszgen und Augenzeugenberichten. Es behandelt auch sehr genau die (aus heutiger Sicht unglaublichen) Zustnde in Armee und Miliz; insbesondere der amerikanischen - aber auch die Gegebenheiten in der britischen Armee und bei den jeweils verbndeten Indianern (die eigentlichen Verlierer des Krieges) werden interessant und ausfhrlich geschildert. Der ebenfalls interessante und wichtige Seekriegsschauplatz wird fast komplett vernachlssigt, dafr bekommt man aber einen sehr guten Einblick in die Entstehung dieses 'vergessenen' Krieges, was aber fr mich bedeutete, dass ich mich durch die ersten 100+ Seiten doch ein wenig 'durchkmpfen' musste. Bei der Detailflle verwundert es nicht, dass der Quellenteil am Ende des Buches fast fingerdick ist. Wie gesagt, ein eher spezieller Beitrag zu diesem sinnlosen Krieg, nach dessen Ende man praktisch den 'status quo ante bellum' wieder herstellte....nur die Indianer des kanadisch-amerikanischen Grenzgebietes blieben dabei mehr oder weniger auf der Strecke. Fr mich nach etwa Seite 100 sehr spannend und informativ lesbar.

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In the early nineteenth century, Britons and Americans renewed their struggle over the legacy of the American Revolution, leading to a second confrontation that redefined North America. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Alan Taylors vivid narrative tells the riveting story of the soldiers, immigrants, settlers, and Indians who fought to determine the fate of a continent. Would revolutionary republicanism sweep the British from Canada? Or would the British contain, divide, and ruin the shaky republic? In a world of double identities, slippery allegiances, and porous boundaries, the leaders of the republic and of the empire struggled to control their own diverse peoples. The border divided Americans former Loyalists and Patriots who fought on both sides in the new war, as did native peoples defending their homelands. And dissident Americans flirted with secession while aiding the British as smugglers and spies. During the war, both sides struggled to sustain armies in a northern land of immense forests, vast lakes, and stark seasonal swings in the weather. After fighting each other to a standstill, the Americans and the British concluded that they could safely share the continent along a border that favored the United States at the expense of Canadians and Indians. Moving beyond national histories to examine the lives of common men and women, The Civil War of 1812 reveals an often brutal (sometimes comic) war and illuminates the tangled origins of the United States and Canada. Moving beyond national histories to examine the lives of common men and women, The Civil War of 1812 reveals an often brutal (sometimes comic) war and illuminates the tangled origins of the United States and Canada. Pressestimmen Remarkable and deeply researched. . . . Taylor masterfully captures the strangeness of this war. Gordon S. Wood, The New York of Books Easily the most sophisticated book ever written about a conflict that is often either neglected or seriously misunderstood. . . . Taylors discussions of diplomatic and political maneuvering are woven with military set-pieces into a powerful narrative. . . . [This] book affirms his gifts for prodigious research. The Wall Street Journal Credit Taylor with blowing most of the dust off Americas most forgotten war. This is history with a capital H. The Seattle Times A truly spellbinding narrative. Unlike other books on the War of 1812, [Taylors] is about the hearts and minds of the people who planned it, fought it and lived through it. Almost every page brings a revelation. The Toronto Star In this deeply researched and clearly written book, [Taylor] tells the riveting story of a war that redefined North America. The Washington Times Comprehensive. . . . Taylors account of a land war that roughly divided people with a common culture and heritage provides a new dimension for an understanding of 1812. The Boston Globe An impressively accessible history. . . . A perceptively nuanced take on a war often forgotten or misunderstood. . . . Taylor offers persuasive arguments, a lively narrative. Richmond Times Dispatch Taylor gives a fascinating account of the war and shows its importance to the fragile new republic in a book filled with stories about the people who instigated, commanded and fought in the conflict. The Associated Press Taylor serves up a corrective in [this] fact-laden account. . . . Nicely captures the confusion of a minor war with major consequences. The Newark Star-Ledger Taylors beautifully written book offers a War of 1812 thats no longer an insignificant afterthought to the American Revolution, but its final, decisive act. Macleans As is his talented wont, Taylor puts the war into perspective, positing that it redefined the North American continent. Asbury Park Press (New Jersey) Thoroughly researched. . . . Taylor illuminates an arena generally omitted from military histories of the war. Battles and campaigns do connect his account, however, which will stand history collections in good stead for a very long while. Booklist From the Trade Paperback edition. Kurzbeschreibung
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