Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation

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Abstract
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Blood and Daring is a well-organized and well-written account of the complicated relationship between the American Civil War and the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867 out of three British North American colonies: the Uni....

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"Daring and Blood", or "How Canada fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation", by John Boyko, 2013. The country we know today as Canada was created in June of 1867 – 2 years after the close of the (U.S.) Civil War (1861-1865). Prior to that it was a group of provinces under British rule (and protection), usually referred to the British North American Provinces, and included the “Maritimes” (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland etc.). What this book tells is how the U.S. Under Abe Lincoln (and the people of the Union states) treated the Provinces and how they reacted. At the time of the American Civil War, Canada did not yet exist as a federated nation. Instead, British North America consisted of the Province of Canada (parts of modern southern Ontario and southern Quebec) and the separate colonies of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Vancouver Island, as well as a crown territory administered by the Hudson's Bay Company called Rupert's Land. Britain and its colonies were officially neutral for the duration of the His new book is Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation. (Simon Spivey / Courtesy of Knopf Canada). It was in the early 1990s, he recalled last week in an interview with the Star, that he met a Gettysburg guide named Ed Guy. "Ed Guy the guide," Boyko laughs. "He was the guy who made Gettysburg come alive" for the students. While the fighting was done south of the border, a good deal of scheming, planning and fundraising was done on this side, he says. Confederate meetings were held in Canada, arms were supplied from this side of the border, and Canadians profited from the war through the traffic of both warring sides in its maritime ports. Birth of Canada.