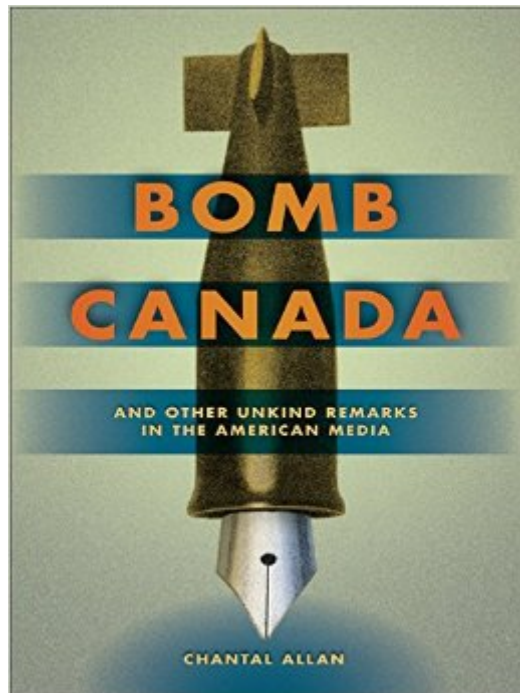


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Canada and the United States. Two nations, one border, same continent. Anti-American sentiment in Canada is well documented, but what have Americans had to say about their northern neighbour? Allan examines how the American media has portrayed Canada, from Confederation to Obama's election. By examining major events that have tested bilateral relations, Bomb Canada tracks the history of anti-Canadianism in the U.S. Informative, thought provoking and at times hilarious, this book reveals another layer of the complex relationship between Canada and the United States.

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"Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies. Those whom God has so joined together, let no man put asunder." So said John Kennedy about America and Canada. Author Allan does an interesting job proving that many through the centuries tried to rip that bond asunder. These are politicians and media on both sides of the border. This short history with compelling premise, chronicles two centuries of media flash points. It begins with Canada's refusal to join the American Revolution,

escaped slaves, Fenians, Louis Riel, the Reciprocity Treaty of 1911, refusal to embargo Cuba, Trudeaumania, the daring Canadian rescue of US diplomats from 1979 Tehran, 9/11, mad cow and climate change. As a Canadian, nothing surprised me about the content until it hit this century. Some of the commentary from US media regarding our stance on Iraq is so unfortunate for them now that events have played out. America's media was asleep or overly patriotic when it came to America's foreign and military policy in the wake of 9/11. At the end, one can only conclude that ignorance was at the root of the vitriol and bad blood between the two countries. Thankfully, it has always led to kissing and making up. The squabbles have largely been more smoke than fire. This does not mean the differences between the two nations and their peoples are not significant. It means we find through time, dialogue and rationality a way to do much more than just co-exist.

This is Mrs. Allan's finest book to date. It's full of wonderful examples of what's really being said, and if you've ever read a newspaper, watched a news broadcast, or talked to someone about a foreign country, then, THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU!!! It's neat to see the trends, and to observe what's been happening, interesting to see if these trends will continue to happen.

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