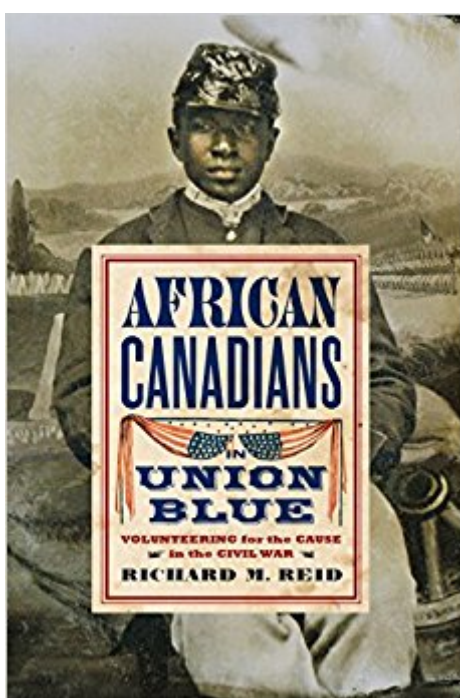


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# African Canadians In Union Blue: Volunteering For The Cause In The Civil War (American Abolitionism And Antislavery)



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When Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, he also authorized the U.S. Army to recruit black soldiers for the war effort. Nearly 200,000 men answered the call, and several thousand of them came from Canada. What compelled these men to leave the relative comfort and safety of home to fight in a foreign war? In *African Canadians in Union Blue*, Richard M. Reid sets out in search of an answer and discovers a group of men whose courage and contributions open a window on the changing understanding of the American Civil War and the ties that held black communities together even as the borders around them shifted and were torn asunder.

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Richard Reid tells the story of a group of men whose commitment to "Liberty, Justice, and Equality" gave them the strength to overcome legal sanctions as British subjects and racial discrimination in the United States to enlist for the cause. Told with verve and conviction, *African Canadian in Union Blue* brings to light their extensive contributions to the northern victory. --James W. St.G. Walker, author of *The Black Loyalists: The Search for a Promised Land in Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone, 1783-1870*

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Richard M. Reid is professor emeritus at the University of Guelph and the author of several books in Canadian and American history, including Freedom for Themselves: North Carolina's Black Soldiers in the Civil War Era.

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