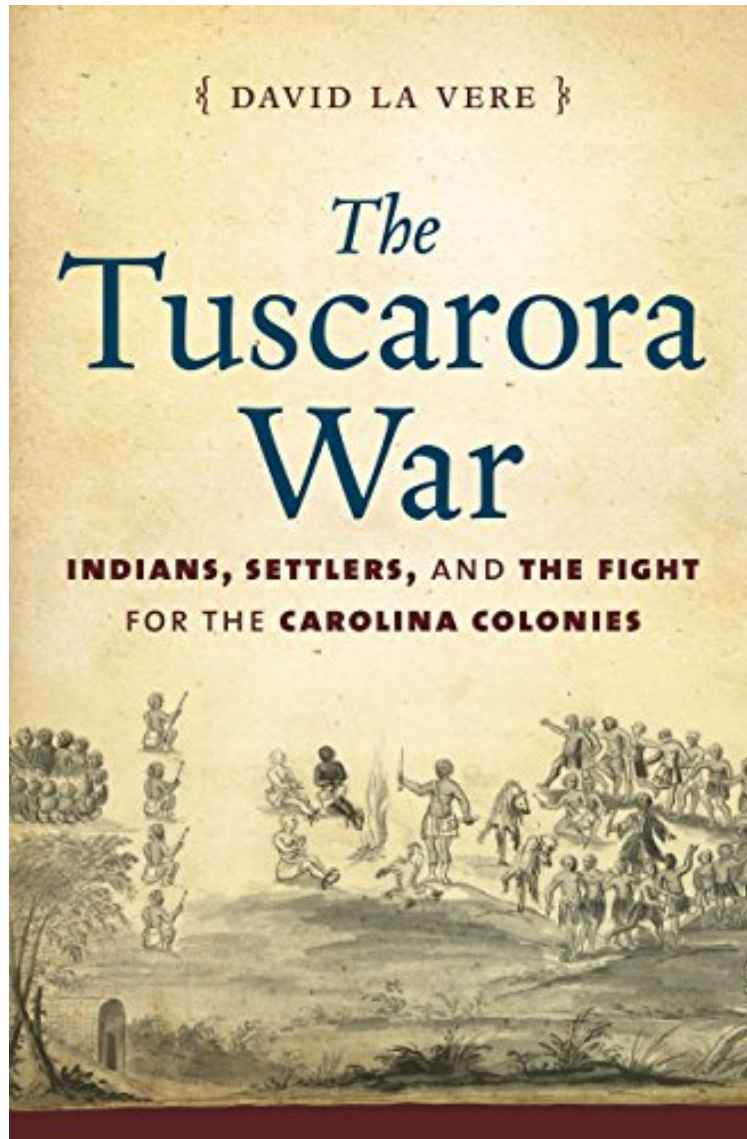


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An excellent history of early North Carolina and the devastating Tuscarora War. By Stephen Chayer. This is a great book that shows how the deadly mix of the Indian slave trade, the establishment and subsequent expansion of the settlement of New Bern by Swiss and German Palatines, and the unfair trading practices of the settlers with Indians, among other factors, led to the attack in 1711 by the Tuscarora and allied tribes under Chief Hancock. The book outlines the course of the war and the involvement of South Carolina troops under Captain James Moore, along with their Yamasee allies, who defeated the Tuscarora at their village of Neoheroka in 1713. This set the stage for the subsequent Yamasee War in South Carolina in 1715, when the Yamasee turned against the South Carolinians, fighting until 1717. As a companion volume, I strongly recommend *The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717* by Alan Galloway. The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Well written and researched. By Clay Ellis. Well written, very good research for a topic that I am sure was hard to find information about. Well balanced with both settlers and Indian viewpoints. Interesting to find out that the settlers did not always have the upper hand over the Indians, that the settlers also did not cooperate with each other very well.

At dawn on September 22, 1711, more than 500 Tuscarora, Core, Neuse, Pamlico, Weetock, Machapunga, and Bear River Indian warriors swept down on the unsuspecting European settlers living along the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers of North Carolina. Over the following days, they destroyed hundreds of farms, killed at least 140 men, women, and children, and took about 40 captives. So began the Tuscarora War, North Carolina's bloodiest colonial war and surely one of its most brutal. In his gripping account, David La Vere examines the war through the lens of key players in the conflict, reveals the events that led to it, and traces its far-reaching consequences. La Vere details the innovative fortifications produced by the Tuscaroras, chronicles the colony's new practice of enslaving all captives and selling them out of country, and shows how both sides drew support from forces far outside the colony's borders. In these ways and others, La Vere concludes, this merciless war pointed a new direction in the development of the future state of North Carolina.

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