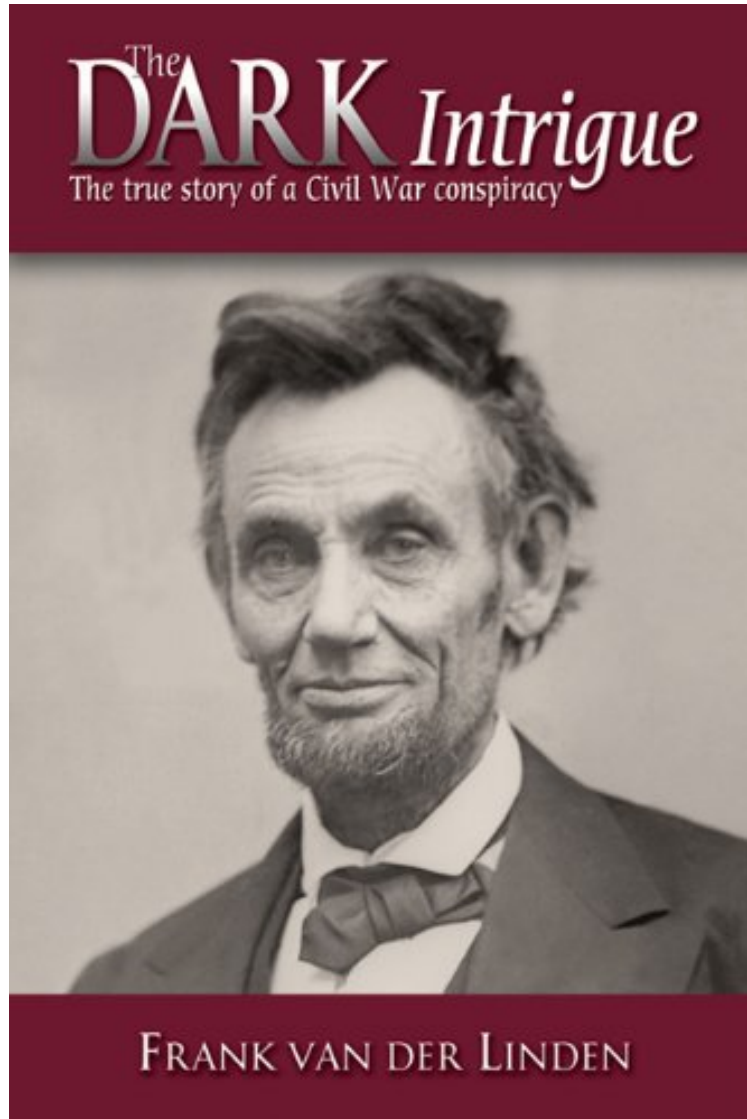


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Little Known Aspect of the Civil WarBy Brian F. RedmanI had earlier found out about the Great Northwest Conspiracy (a plot for the "Northwest" - Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan - to secede from the Union during the Civil War) by reading a book from the latter 19th-century entitled The Great Northwest Conspiracy. But Frank van der Linden does a superb job in fleshing out the details as

well as introducing new evidence on the subject. An earlier reviewer here claims this Northwest Conspiracy event has been supposedly long-since "disproved." Yet he cites no sources for the claim. On the contrary, after reading van der Linden's book I am more convinced than ever that yes, there indeed was a Northwest conspiracy, on top of all the other troubles faced by President Abraham Lincoln. My one criticism of van der Linden's book is he unduly stresses, at the close, that supposedly "no party can survive an opposition to a war" - William Seward's "sage advice." This was true of the Democrat "peace" party in 1864, which did not get a man in the White House until Grover Cleveland, but van der Linden implies Seward's axiom is to be written in stone and to apply for all time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and found it very useful in that regard. By Howard G. Anders Jr. Read this in preparation for writing a research paper on the "Northwest Conspiracy" of the Civil War, and found it very useful in that regard. Many modern historians, such as Dr. Frank L. Klement, dismiss or minimize the 1864 cabal between Northern Peace Democrats - Copperheads - and Confederate agents based in Canada. Mr. van der Linden takes the opposite view, and uses the letters of Confederate "commissioner" C. C. Clay to help prove his point. His research was exhaustive, and the book is very well written; the text is complemented by an extensive bibliography. Unfortunately, Mr. van der Linden chose not to include an index with the work, which limits its usefulness somewhat. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Important book. By Gerald R. Hibbs. This book by Linden combined with Weber's book, Copperheads: The Rise and Fall of Lincoln's Opponents" will give the reader a definitive outlook on the war the took place behind Lincoln's back. There were two wars going on 1861-1865 - the military war and the political war. They are bound together in a conspiracy which nearly won the war for the Confederacy. To get a comprehensive view of the Civil War, marching through the streets as well as tramping through the fields, both books must be read carefully. There was something else going on besides Gettysburg and Vicksburg and to understand what that something was and to appreciate what it meant, the reader must glide through the pages of both of these books. Both are easy to read making the investment of time and attention worthwhile.

The Dark Intrigue tells for the first time the incredible story of how leaders of an American political party, during the Civil War, conferred cordially with enemy agents in a foreign country in a scheme to oust the president of the United States and enforce peace without victory. Most Northerners initially supported Abraham Lincoln's war against the Southern Confederacy to save the Union. But later, many turned against it when the death toll soared above a half million. Hoping to recapture the White House as a "peace party," leading Democrats met with Confederate agents in the summer of 1864 and discussed ways to end the war-not win it. Lincoln charged that one Confederate agent, C. C. Clay, had convinced the Democrats to orchestrate an armistice. This intriguing book reveals letters from Clay that confirm Lincoln's suspicions. A fascinating read, The Dark Intrigue brings an important piece of Civil War history to light.

About the Author Frank van der Linden became a Civil War historian after nearly half a century as a Washington newspaper correspondent, covering Congress and the White House. He first interviewed President Harry Truman at a poker party for congressional Democrats in 1945 and closed his White House career with President George H. W. Bush.