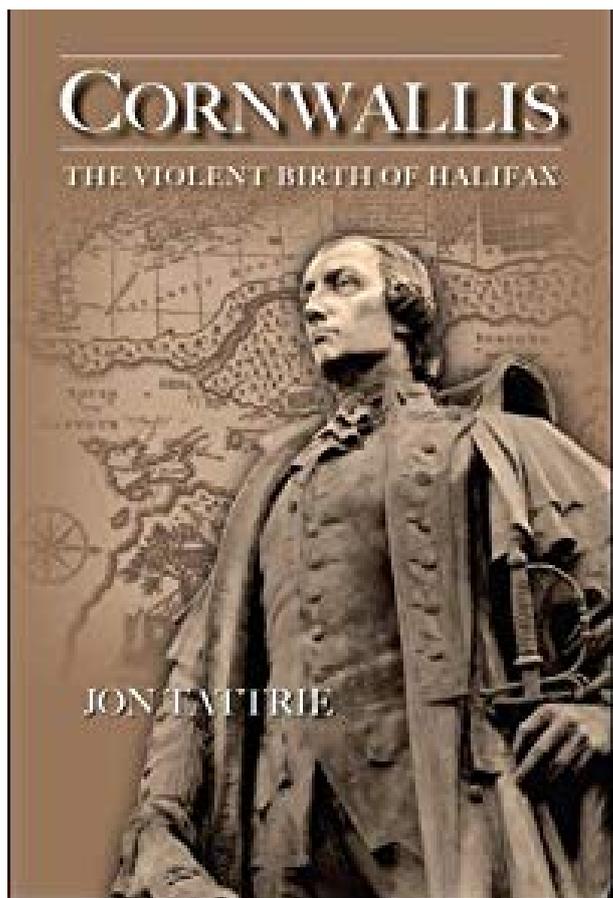


# Cornwallis: The Violent Birth of Halifax



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In June of 1749, Edward Cornwallis set into motion events that would determine the destiny of tens of thousands of people across half a continent. His actions in the following three years would also determine the future of not only Nova Scotia, but of the vast land that would become Canada. To the Mi'kmaq people, the British governor brazenly stood on their ancestral home. For France, Cornwallis was entering "Acadie," heartland of their territorial ambitions on the New World. For Cornwallis, and for the British crown he represented, it was Nova Scotia, a land he intended to claim in the flesh with his massive influx of soldiers and settlers. Steeped in a brutal militaristic philosophy he learned in Scotland's Battle of Culloden, Cornwallis devised a plan to force the Acadians and Mi'kmaq to swear loyalty to his king, be forced off the land, or face massacre. His conquest of Nova Scotia laid the groundwork for the Expulsion of the Acadians and created the conditions that allowed James Wolfe to claim a final British victory over France on the Plains of Abraham. His conquest also pushed the Mi'kmaq toward the brink of extinction. Still an elusive, controversial figure to this day, Cornwallis's full story has never been told.

This biography uses his own words and draws on a range of sources to provide a detailed account of his life. It includes rare first-hand accounts of his childhood growing up with the future king of Britain, his rise in the military, his part in the suppression of Scotland's Highland rebellion and his role in the birth of Halifax. It follows the military disasters that saw Cornwallis face the threat of his own execution and eventually his death

in exile on Gibraltar. Whether you see Cornwallis as the heroic founder of Halifax or a genocidal tyrant who ruthly destroyed those who dared stand against him, you cannot deny his crucial role in Canadian history. This book presents the evidence of his life: it is up to the reader to make the final judgment.