North to Canada: Men and Women Against the Vietnam War by James L. Dickerson

This Is A Good Read For Boomers That Remember This Era

While we may never know the exact number of Americans who chose Canada over Vietnam, an estimated half-million men and women went north as a result of their opposition to the war. Despite President Ford's amnesty and President Carter's pardon, some of these exiles never returned. This book, which focuses upon those who remained in Canada, offers a resisters eye view of the most traumatic war in American history. Dickerson blends resister interviews with an account of the historical events that served aswatersheds for these young Americans.

My Personal Review:
I was intrigued by the number of Americans that sought refuge in Canada during the late 60s and early 70s in response to recission of the 2S deferment. The case studies were particularly interesting with respect to how this disruption of family and career was met with differing degrees of adjustment. I wish that the author had devoted a comparison with American Peace Corps Volunteers who served in places like Atar, Mauritania; Sarh, Tchad; Farah, Afghanistan; Zabol, Iran, or Zinder. Their lives were also disrupted without the comfort of a first world nation like Canada.

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