



John A.: The Man Who Made Us: The Life and Times of John A. Macdonald, Volume One: 1815-1867

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Random House USA Inc, India, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 154 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The first full-scale biography of Canada's first prime minister in half a century by one of our best-known and most highly regarded political writers. The first volume of Richard Gwyn's definitive biography of John A. Macdonald follows his life from his birth in Scotland in 1815 to his emigration with his family to Kingston, Ontario, to his days as a young, rising lawyer, to his tragedy-ridden first marriage, to the birth of his political ambitions, to his commitment to the all-but-impossible challenge of achieving Confederation, to his presiding, with his second wife Agnes, over the first Canada Day of the new Dominion in 1867. Colourful, intensely human and with a full measure of human frailties, Macdonald was beyond question Canada's most important prime minister. This volume describes how Macdonald developed Canada's first true national political party, encompassing French and English and occupying the centre of the political spectrum. To perpetuate this party, Macdonald made systematic use of patronage to recruit talent and to bond supporters, a system of politics that continues to this day. Gwyn judges...



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