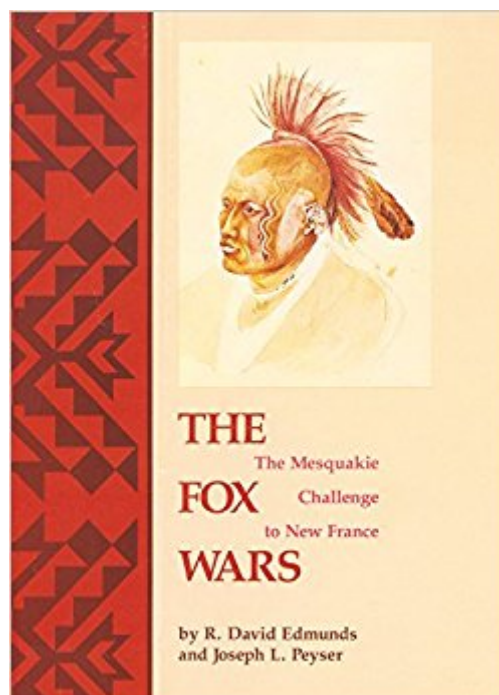




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This book delivered in great detail the two wars the French and Sauk/Fox Indians fought in Wisconsin and Illinois in the early 1700s. the book was a good one and one I would recommend to history readers, especially the avid ones.

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