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Dando-Collins (*Caesar's Legion*) recounts the conflict between tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt and adventurer William Walker over the control of Nicaragua from 1855 to 1857. Walker, with mercenary support, entered Nicaragua's civil war in 1855 on the side of the Democratico forces against the Legitimistas. Historians have seen the Tennessee native as wishing to reintroduce slavery to Nicaragua and encourage settlement by American Southerners. Dando-Collins claims that Walker initially acted out of personal ambition, seeking to emulate Sam Houston of Texas. Only after he was elected president of Nicaragua in 1856 did he turn to slaving-holding interests to support colonization and to bring in African labor. Dando-Collins's basis for his defense of Walker? That he came from a family hostile to slavery and there is no record that he supported the practice of slavery himself. Even if the paper trail is not there, Walker's willingness to reintroduce and thus expand slavery demonstrates tolerance for the institution and/or unscrupulous desire for power. His actions put him into conflict with Vanderbilt, who controlled a major portion of shipping routes that used Nicaragua as overland transit between the Atlantic and Pacific. After the Democratico government seized his company's assets, Vanderbilt, with the tacit encouragement of the U.S. government, supplied Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador with money for arms to depose Walker in 1857. While Dando-Collins presents the story readably, his questionable historical interpretation limits his book's value. Only for academic collections seeking comprehensive coverage.—Stephen Hupp. West Virginia Univ. Lib., Parkersburg  
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"An in-depth look at one of the more fascinating periods of Vanderbilt's life with a crisp narrative built upon impeccable archival research. *Tycoon's War* is a story of the celebration of greed during the expansion of these United States, which highlights the blood, cruelty and power struggle at the heart of American capitalism throughout the ages...*Tycoon's War* is a classic story of conflict, desire, and the strive for success at all costs...Packed from cover to cover with greed and suspense, this book resonates with a contemporary America buried in a struggling economy where the rich buy yachts while the rest struggle to fill gas tanks...Built upon a fascinating display of historical events, this story strikes at the heart of the capitalist machine while raising questions about the nature of today's wars and tomorrow's tycoons. A smooth read that blends conflict and concern into a healthy mixture of greedy suspense, Dando-Collins has once again spun of a gem of a tale by crafting a narrative that allows us to view the past while seeking our own futures in a world often far beyond the control of the average person."

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***Shelf Awareness*, 10/08**

“A richly detailed recounting of the careers of William Walker and Cornelius Vanderbilt before 1855 and the epic battle of wills that raged between them during 1856 and 1857...A rip-roaring adventure that is also an object lesson in political and commercial exploitation of Central America at the hands of William Walker and Cornelius Vanderbilt, two larger-than-life 19th century American originals.”

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About the Author

**Stephen Dando-Collins** is an Australian-born historian who has written a number of fiction and non-fiction books, including *Caesar's Legion* and *Standing Bear Is a Person*. He lives in Tasmania.

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