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portrait of the confessional era in Germany, which is often simply characterized by sectarian and political divide.

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