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soldiers and policemen and the reasons why the conflict lasted so long.  
It will be a key text for researchers and students of both British and  
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