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the most famous episodes, in which crowds from Essex and Suffolk

attacked and plundered the houses of the gentry, and sought to ""ethnically cleanse"" their communities of Catholics. The deeper perspective offered by history shows that this action was not ""blind violence"": the book deciphers the logic that informed the crowd's behavior, and finds evidence of both the importance - and reach - of puritanism and popular parliamentarianism.