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Rooted in a period of vigorous exploration and colonialism, The Island Race: Englishness, empire and gender in the eighteenth century is an innovative study of the issues of nation, gender and identity. Wilson

bases her analysis on a wide range of case studies drawn both from Britain and across the Atlantic and Pacific worlds. Creating a colourful and original colonial landscape, she considers topics such as:\* sodomy\* theatre\* masculinity\* the symbolism of Britannia \* the role of women in war.Wilson shows the far-reaching implications that colon