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the American Civil War, looking particularly at reaction to issues of slavery, neutral rights, democracy, republicanism, American expansionism, trade and propaganda. In so doing he offers a new interpretation of English attitudes towards the American Civil War.

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