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From School Library Journal

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Review

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"Fascinating...extremely detailed, thorough, and completely captivating...well-researched, well-written...definitely fills a gap in Lincoln scholarship" --The Civil War Courier

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