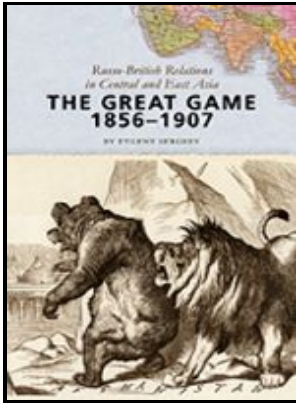


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Stretching from the tributaries of the Danube to the Urals and from the Russian forests to the Black and Caspian seas, the vast European steppe has for centuries played very different roles in the Russian imagination. He shows an easy mastery of diverse information; I found only about a half dozen statements I thought dubious e.

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With luck there will soon be a second printing in which these and other cartographic errors can be corrected. Taming the Wild Field makes the case for reasserting the importance of late Muscovite and Imperial Russian history by placing them within the larger contexts of the history of Inner Eurasia and the comparative study of empire.

Taming the Wild Field

For writing in an elegant style such a compact work, the author, now Associate Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati, has taken up two challenges. Taming the Wild Field eloquently expresses concern with the fate of the world's great grasslands, and the book ends at the beginning of the twentieth century with the initiation of a conservation movement in Russia by those appalled at the high environmental cost of expansion. With the rapid urbanisation and mechanisation steamships on the Volga River, a university in Odessa.

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Sunderland has done his homework and has taken a deep dive into Russian archives to develop a compelling picture of the complex process of internal colonization and empire building taking place over time. For instance, the Russian empire's obsession with 'correct colonization,' as contrasted with the American republic's approach of embracing chaos.

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