



# Civil Wars and Reconstructions in the Americas

The United States, Mexico, and Argentina, 1860–1880

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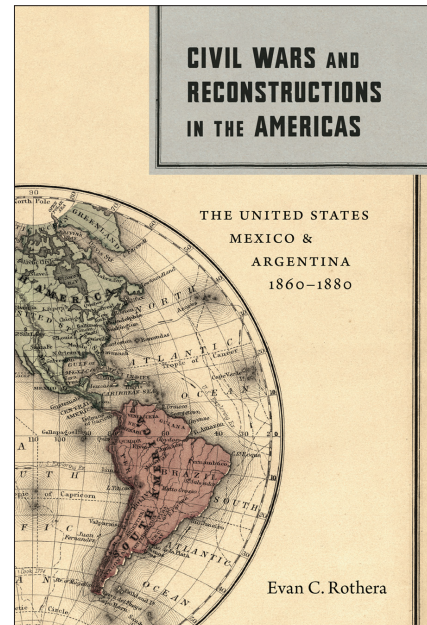
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