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About the Author

David Blackbourn is Coolidge Professor of History at Harvard University. His previous publications include *Class, Religion and Local Politics in Wilhelmine Germany* (1980), *The Peculiarities of German History* (with Geoff Eley, 1984), *Populists and Patricians* (1987), and the prize-winning *Marpingen: Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Bismarckian Germany* (1993).

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