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Towns before 1650

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Readership

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Key selling points

- Part of a recent scholarly trend toward reconsidering Puritan ideology
- Takes a thoroughly transatlantic approach
- Creates a new synthesis of previously contradictory trends in Puritan studies
- Rejects the “history of ideas” approach by showing how ideology was altered through implementation “on the ground”.

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