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Exposes the fantasies that shaped U.S. identity between the end of the cold war and the global war on terror

Pioneering scholar Donald E. Pease traces the evolution of state fantasies of exceptionalism and shows how they have shaped U.S. national identity since the end of the cold war, uncovering the ideological and cultural work required to convince Americans to surrender their civil liberties in exchange for the illusion of security.

At last, a genealogy of the paranoid style of U.S. nationalism that has some real psychological and historical depth. With characteristic brilliance, Donald E. Pease uncovers the dark side of the nation's soul from Hiroshima to Abu Ghraib_via Vietnam, Waco, and Oklahoma City. The New American Exceptionalism sparkles with original insights.

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