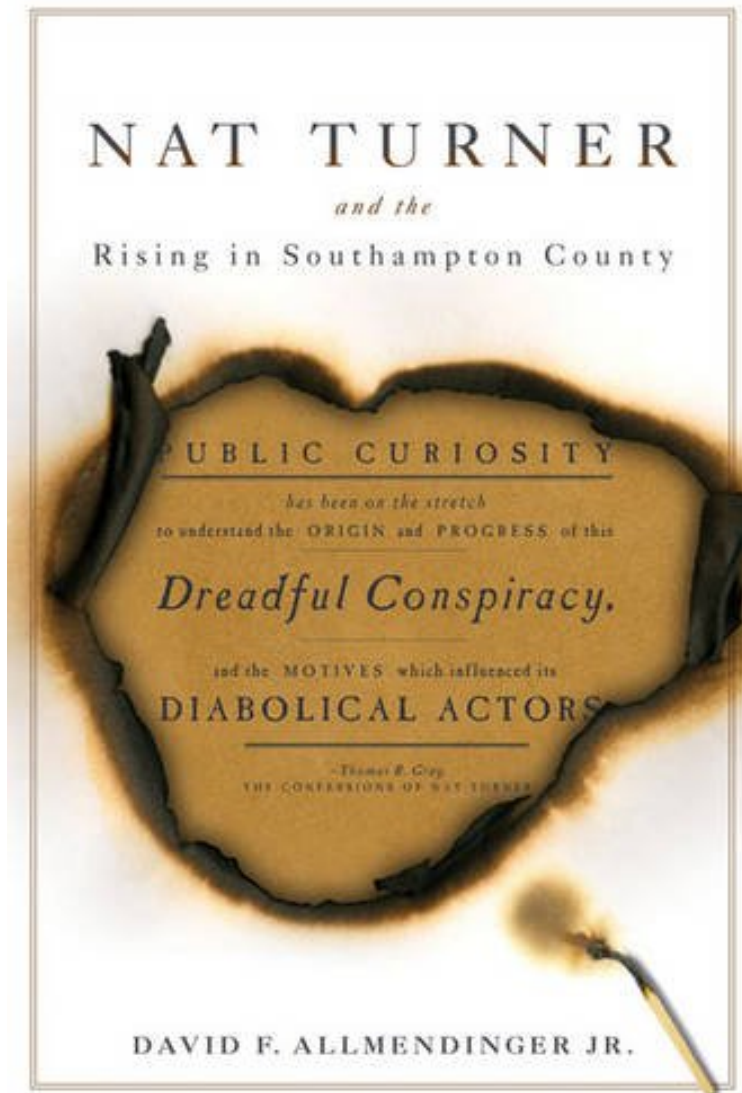


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much myth making almost all of it imaginary. There is very little primary source information allowing a wide range for imagination. Allmendinger taps an interesting new source. A strong academic he looks at the tax records for the area to establish what was going on in the area. How families interacted and how those relationships defined the rising. He does a good job including establishing much about the myth of wide spread retaliation against slaves and freedmen in the area. Its one problem is his tendency to fill the text with lists of inheritances with in the various familys. I question the importance of dealing with who got the gold watch. Such information belongs more in a footnote or appendix. It is distracting and slows the text making conclusions difficult to follow. Overall a good addition to the subject. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. David F. Allmendinger, Jr. has written the ...By Patrick RaelDavid F. Allmendinger, Jr. has written the definitive account of Nat Turner's revolt. Those interested in this critical moment in the history of slavery in the United States may find the detail in the volume dense going, but no one has done more to corroborate and sync the details, nor to illuminate Turner's inspirations and goals. Nat Turner and the Rising in Southampton County is a model of historical methodology, and goes further than any other previous work in helping readers understand Turner's motives and meaning.

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