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Review

"Offers a rich and complex argument. . . builds on important work by Victorianists such as Linda Dowling, Norma Clarke, and Herbert Sussman, and is as much at home with Walter Houghton as with Michel Foucault. By foregrounding issues of gender and placing these ideas in a more precise social and historical context than is usual, *Dandies and Desert Saints* deepens and expands the discussion of masculinities in the Victorian period."?Joseph H. O'Mealy, Department of English, University of Hawaii at Manoa, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*

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