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experiences from New Salem to the
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When John O'Sullivan wrote in 1845,
"...the right of our manifest destiny
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whole of the continent which
Providence has given us for the
development of Liberty and

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federated self-government entrusted
to us", he coined a phrase that aptly
describes how Americans from
colonial days and into the twentieth
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role. Anders Stephanson examines
the consequences of this idea over
more than three hundred years of

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history, as Manifest Destiny drove
the westward settlement to the
Pacific, defining the stubborn belief
in the superiority of white people and
denigrating Native Americans and
other people of color. He considers it
a component in Woodrow Wilson's
campaign "to make the world safe for

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vistas of officially
commemorated sites, sites
that are neglected or
obscured, and sites that
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subsequent treaty, the
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“Little Hawk” was born Raymond
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of a medicine woman, Ray spent
his Depression-era boyhood
immersed in the beauty of the
natural world and the traditions of
his tribe and his family. After his
father's death, eight-year-old Ray
was sent to an Indian boarding

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school in Keshena. There he
experienced isolation and despair,
but also comfort and kindness.

Upon his return home, Ray
remained a lonely boy in a full
house until he met and befriended
a lone timber wolf. The unusual

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up in the conflict and the political
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Mexicans resented their claims
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Jackson as a frontiersman who
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**who struggled to overcome
the obstacles of his backwoods
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reassessment of these long-held views, suggesting that in fact "Old Hickory" lived as an elite southern gentleman. Jackson grew up along the border between North Carolina and South Carolina, a district

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**tyed to Charleston, where the
city's gentry engaged in the
transatlantic marketplace.
Jackson then moved to North
Carolina, where he joined
various political and kinship
networks that provided him**

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with entrée into society. In fact, Cheatham contends, Jackson had already started to assume the characteristics of a southern gentleman by the time he arrived in Middle Tennessee in 1788. After

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**moving to Nashville, Jackson
further ensconced himself in
an exclusive social order by
marrying the daughter of one
of the city's cofounders,
engaging in land speculation,
and leading the state militia.**

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Cheatham notes that through these ventures Jackson grew to own multiple plantations and cultivated them with the labor of almost two hundred slaves. His status also enabled him to build a military career

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**focused on eradicating the
nation's enemies, including
Indians residing on land
desired by white southerners.
Jackson's military success
eventually propelled him onto
the national political stage in**

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**the 1820s, where he won two
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earned the approval of many**

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**white southerners by
continuing to pursue Manifest
Destiny and opposing the
spread of abolitionism, yet
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United States. By emphasizing Jackson's southern identity -- characterized by violence, honor, kinship, slavery, and Manifest Destiny -- Cheatham's narrative offers a bold new perspective on one of the

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New England "aristocrat" whose education and political r?sum? were as impressive as any ever seen in American public life. It was, many historians have argued, the country's first truly democratic presidential election. It was also the election that

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their vastly different
backgrounds, they had started
out with many of the same
values, admired one another, and
had often been allies in common
causes. But by 1828, caught up in
a shifting political landscape, they
were plunged into a competition

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doing accentuated the nature of
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war against Mexico that followed
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