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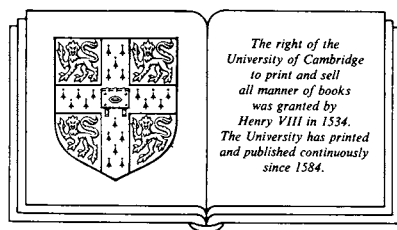
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This volume attempts to fill a gap in the economic history of Stockholm. Most of the recent research has dealt with either earlier or later periods than the long phase of stagnation from the mid eighteenth to the mid nineteenth century which we are dealing with. The great period of industrialization starting between c. 1860 and 1914 has been particularly well covered from economic, social, and demographic aspects.

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