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a very pretty picture when you enslave people against their will, but it did happen and it is a part of American history. We can't wish away this terrible part of history, but we can learn from it. ***Savannah: Brokers, Bankers, and Baylane—Inside the Slave Trade Vol. 2* have received a "WOW! +" Rating.**

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