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to Against the Odds' Annual for 2007. This year we take a look a civil strife in various parts of the world, from the American Civil War to the Spanish Civil War to the Biafran War of the 1970s. Our focus is on the pivotal campaign of 1864, the battle for Atlanta that clinched Lincoln's reelection and effectively ensured the preservation of the Union. Surrounding our featured game by noted designer and author, Dr. John Prados, is a nest of other articles including Jack Radey's detailed examination of the battle of Guadalajara. Finally, Jason Juneau takes us to Africa and follows the course of the Nigerian civil war that almost gave birth to Biafra as an independent state, both in his article and our bonus game design. If you don't think us uncivil, be sure to check out the regular issues of our award-winning magazine, where we examine history from all aspects, always with an eye to edifying the reader's knowledge of conflict and simulation in generous servings. Thanks for letting us be your guide.

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