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Review

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Magisterially developing the second word of the title and searching out the ambiguities of the romance in the various ideological, social, and cultural contexts, *The Office of* The Scarlet Letter reads the romance in its seventeenth-century context; in the context of Hawthorne's individual understanding, and his contemporaries' understanding, of that earlier context; and in the context of our understanding of both earlier contexts. The resulting study successfully implicates late-twentieth-century American culture with its earliest origins. The book's office is to aid us through ideological, sociocultural, and aesthetic interpretation, in understanding our fate and hope in our time.

(*MLA, James Russell Lowell Prize Citation*)

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