

Book on fire

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It may not woo beach readers, but **Amanda Foreman's** acclaimed, 1,008-page "A World on Fire," about British involvement in the US Civil War, hits the States on Tuesday. After spending a decade writing the Random House book, Foreman was the toast of DC this week as British Ambassador **Sir Nigel Sheinwald** threw a bash for her at his residence. Guests included **Jonathan Barton**, **Alan Greenspan**, **Andrea Mitchell**, **Steve Rattner**, **Susan Fales-Hill** and **Mario Platero**. Foreman announced a deal with HBO and the BBC to turn her tome into an eight-part series in 2015.

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