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Well-written, scholarly, perceptive... A basic framework for a rational theory of literary effects and responses based on the novel.

(*Library Journal*)

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