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foundational shifts in the way a culture views its literature and itself. By combining a theoretically-informed approach with a broad historical

view of collected editions from the late eighteenth century to the present (including the rise of digital editions), Gailey fills a gap in the textual scholarship of the editing history of major figures like Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman and of the American literary canon itself"

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