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appearance and lay-out of homes in literature from Mexico, Argentina and Brazil from this nineteenth century period of transition, Grzegorzcyk sheds new light on the ways a culture remakes itself and the mechanisms through which subjectivities shift during periods of political change.

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