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Sommario/riassunto	Playing Dirty is full of dirty jokes. Arguing that the early modern excremental body is in many ways an erotic body, Will Stocktonuwith humor and dry witureads psychoanalytic theory through early modern comedies, claiming that it is helpful, rather than inimical, to the project of historicizing the body.Noting that psychoanalysis has traditionally operated in a paranoid framework that relentlessly produces evidence

of the same truths, Stockton turns to a minority practice in psychoanalysis associated with Jean Laplanche to develop a more playful analytic for literary studies. This analytic
