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Sommario/riassunto	Mariano Azuela (Mexico, 1873-1952) was a medical doctor by profession, recipient of Mexico's Premio Nacional de Literatura (1949), a distinguished member of El Colegio Nacional and, by mid-century, one of Mexico's leading novelists and literary critics. The author of novels, novellas, plays, biographies, and literary criticism, Azuela served as field doctor under Francisco Villa during the Mexican Revolution and, after Villa's military defeats in 1915, published <i>Los de abajo</i> (The Underdogs, 1915) while in exile in El Paso, Texas. This book of essays commemorates the first centenary of <i>Los de a</i>