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to twentieth-century literature within the framework of his parodic Darwinian fables of the prehistoric encounter between the weak and 'unfinished' man and the incommensurable 'other.' In looking at such novels as *Confessions of Zeno* and *As a Man Grows Older*, Minghelli shows how Svevo's fiction displaces the heroic strain in modernism, revealing the self-construction of the subject as an ongoing symbiosis with otherness."
