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relationship of homoeroticism to status and power. In addition to

historical portraits and analysis, the book