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new light on the dramatic intelligence and theatrical understanding of Moliere's writing for the actor. Drawing on Moliere's own brief discussions of performance and the contemporary evidence of his practice, this is a crucial addition to the debate on style and method in classical acting and on the staging of classical plays on the contemporary stage.

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