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studying these texts. Instead, this book takes these elements seriously. They are focused on and tackled with a theoretical tool-styles of thinking-not yet used in Luso-Brazilian studies, and co

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