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exposing how the "essential" Scot, allegedly possessed of a uniquely durable, influential identity, shaped the literary-cultural narrative imagination from 1603-1832, with implications for the twenty-first century. The essential Scot's supposed aptitude for personal resistance and recovery were marshaled by Scottish and English writers to formally challenge, accommodate, generate, revise, a
