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Sommario/riassunto	Though the Russian Symbolist movement was dominated by a concern with transcending sex, many of the writers associated with the movement exhibited an intense preoccupation with matters of the flesh. Drawing on poetry, plays, short stories, essays, memoirs, and

letters, as well as feminist and psychoanalytic theory, *Beyond the Flesh* documents the often unexpected form that this obsession with gender and the body took in the life and art of two of the most important Russian Symbolists.
