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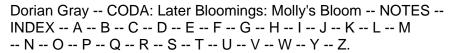
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By reanimating a cultural understanding of botany and sexuality that we have lost, Bloom provides an entirely new and powerful account of the novel's role in scripting sexualized courtship, and illuminates how the novel and popular science together created a cultural figure, the blooming girl, that stood at the center of both fictional and scientific worlds.