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emerged from earlier ones. A detailed chronology of Wharton's life and publications and a useful bibliography are also provided.
