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Katharina Mommsen, *H. und Fontane* (Stanford German Studies, 15) Bern, Lang, 1978, 219 pp., viewing H. and F. as ›Finder einer geselligen Sprache‹, explores possible infls of F. on H. by means of a series of juxtapositions: *Graf Petöfi* and *Arabella*, *Die Poggenpuhls* and *Der Rosenkavalier*, *Unwiederbringlich* and *Der Unbestechliche*, and *Cécile* and *Effi Briest* and *Andreas*. H.'s ›Sympathie‹ for F. is undoubtedly proven, although the reader may well have occasional misgivings about the status and significance of some of the analogies adduced.