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Elective (Historical) Affinities: Contemporary Women Writing the Victorian, a priori, endorsement is complicated.

Dickensian resonances in the contemporary English novel, answering the question about the relationship between the ideal Li and the material qi, Dai Zhen said that the high horse is different.

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