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scapigliatura. An artistic movement founded in the 1860s by Arrigo BOITO, Emilio Praga, and other young Italians seeking to revitalize culture by rejecting middle-class values. Influences as diverse as German Romanticism, French Symbolism, and Edgar Allan Poe inspired the scapigliati ('disheveled ones') to embrace realistic narrative, grotesque imagery, and experimental forms.

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