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1. The next to the last volume in Zola's series of novels, "Les Rougon-Macquart," portraying various aspects of French life through the history of a family. Published in 1892, La Débâcle deals with military life at the time of the Franco-Prussian War.

2. Cp. EAR's line in "Richard Cory": "So on we worked, and waited for the light."