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The volume under review, gathering some most interesting letters, written by Sania, Segre, Peano, Castelnuovo, D’Ovidio, Del Pezzo, Pascal, etc., to Federico Amodeo, actually constitutes a complete guide on the large – as a matter of fact, international – cultural environment within which mathematical theories (and, of course, their authors), have flourished in a certain historical period.

Amodeo published the letters in 1945, only one year prior to his death; the main topics discussed refer to the new mathematical investigations on algebraic geometry.

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