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This is an important collection that will be of interest to philosophers of art as well as theorists in art history, cinema studies, and literary criticism.

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