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intellectual, critical, and bibliographical history, as well as a fresh examination of three classic texts in political theory and philosophy.
