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first-person accounts of working-class experience in French industry of

the 1950's, the book explores the disintegration of collective

investment in the Marxist Imaginary that unfolded at Renault's Billancourt factory in the aftermath of the Hungarian Revolution and the contexts that shaped it.