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Sommario/riassunto	The book presents five philosophical and axiological studies devoted to the relationship between aesthetics and politics . It shows this relationship throughout the works of some avant-gardists, pragmatists, and postmodernists. It is also a voice in the discussion about the meaning of the fine arts and aesthetics in the context of the political aims and norms. This voice claims that the political dimension of art

and aesthetics should be studied much more seriously than it has been till today, and needs more courageous re-interpretations and re-readings.
