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the personal relationship with art that lies beneath all scholarly endeavor, but which too often gets lost in academic analysis.” --Kevin Blankinship, Brigham Young University, USA Brilliantly introduced by Nezar Andary, this book is a work of creative nonfiction that approaches writing on film in a fresh and provocative way. It draws on academic, literary, and personal material to start a dialogue with the Egyptian filmmaker Shadi Abdel Salam’s *The Mummy* (1969), tracing the many meanings of Egypt’s postcolonial modernity and touching on Arab, Muslim, and ancient Egyptian identities through watching the film. Youssef Rakha is a novelist, poet, and essayist who writes in both Arabic and English. His work is widely anthologized and translated into many languages.
