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challenged powerful forces of conservatism and conformity with effects that transformed the world for decades to come."--Bloomsbury Publishing.
