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groups "from below" represented as characters in these films find solidarity in a common enemy comprising of elite institutions and authority figures. Throughout the book, a central question is also posed: "cohesion for whom?", which sheds light on the inequality and contingency of the depicted subjects and embodiment of the characters. This book is a valuable reference for scholars and students of film studies and visual studies as well as academic and general readers interested in topics of films and history, and disease and society"-- Provided by publisher.
