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about Hollywood cinema in general and Hitchcock in particular, Miller also describes the eclectic intellectual tradition to which Durnat claimed allegiance. This band of amis inconnus, among them William Empson, Edgar Morin and Manny Farber, had at its head Durnat's mentor Thorold Dickinson. The book's story begins in the early 1960s, when Dickinson made the long hard look the basis of his pioneering film course at the Slade School of Fine Art, and Psycho became one of its first objects."--Bloomsbury Publishing.

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