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The essays in this volume reflect on the idea of excellence embedded within core texts, as well as how such texts influence and ennoble higher education. The authors consider rival forms of excellence from ancient Greece and Rome, through modern Europe and America, and beyond.
