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He argues that the most important literary and filmic treatments of French education in recent years--the works of Agnes Varda, Erik Orsenna, Abdellatif Kechiche, Francois Begaudeau--do more than merely depict the present-day school crisis. They explore questions of education through experiments with form. The Pedagogical Imagination shows how such techniques engage present-day readers and viewers in acts of interpretation that reproduce pedagogical principles of active, experiential learning--principles at the core of late nineteenth-century educational reform that became vehicles for the diffusion of republican ideology. "--
