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Concentrating on lesbian desire and subtext, Kabir draws on films such as Queen Christina , The Killing of Sister George , Rebecca, Desperately Seeking Susan and The Color Purple . She details their narratives in conjunction with an examination of different spectating positions and new syntheses of filmic languages. Deploying lesbian history, black subjectivity, feminist film criticism and material from psychoanalysis, Daughters of Desire explores narrative, desire and identifications. From castration and agency to the fetishization of beauty, from mothering, narcissism, and Oedipus to rage and trauma, Kabir crosses frontiers in film studies and feminist theory."--