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From Library Journal

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Chicago Tribune

"Brilliant." --*The New York Times*

"It is very difficult for a writer of my generation, if he is honest, to pretend indifference to the work of Somerset Maugham...He was always so entirely there." --Gore Vidal

From the Inside Flap

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