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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

British art critic and novelist Berger offers a sharp collection of essays on art and artists and a critical study of Picasso's career.

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From Library Journal

The fifth volume of writings by the noted British Marxist art critic. Besides being a painter, Berger is recognized for his poetry and fiction, which easily stands out in the items here. The material is quite up-to-date, and few of the essays have appeared in earlier collections; seven of the nine poems were previously unpublished. Essays are grouped thematically e.g., travel and emigration, dreaming, love and passion. Suicide and death are frequent references. "The White Bird," an unforced lyrical essay on nature and art, is perhaps the finest of the art commentary. It avoids dogmatic and ideological generalizations on class struggle and "the rich and powerful and the poor," included in most items. Berger is without doubt a committed philosopher and critic, but perhaps best read in small doses. For large collections. Mary Hamel-Schwulst, Art Dept., Goucher Coll., Towson, Md.

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Review

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