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At last, a comprehensive study of one of America's most important independent filmmakers. This hugely readable and highly nuanced book reveals the sophisticated approach to filmmaking that underpins the apparent casualness of Linklater's 'slacker' aesthetic.

(Paul Cooke, University of Leeds)

A study as compelling and nuanced as Linklater's films. With remarkable insight, this volume provides provocative reflections on industry and indie filmmaking practices by exploring the work of this innovative filmmaker.

(Ann Marie Stock, College of William and Mary)

Stone's excellent book covers the director's entire career with skill and insight, illustrated with numerous stills throughout...an excellent course text, written in direct, accessible language.

(Choice)

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