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"Hearing the Movies: Music and Sound in Film History asks students to consider music in the context of the whole soundtrack; that is, in conjunction with sound effects and dialogue. This is a novel and wonderful approach, as the authors incorporate aspects of film sound theory--critical terminology in particular--into the study of film music."--Julie Hubbert, University of South Carolina

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