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Stieglitz, Lewis Hine, Edward Steichen, Dorothea Lange, and Gordon Parks, make for engaging reading. Strong narratives introduce each photographer, combining biographical coverage with commentary on the type of photography in which each artist specialized and weaving a thread about the technical development of American photography and its gradual struggle to be considered a true art. Well-captioned photographs complement the text. A bibliography and a chronology conclude each chapter. Highly recommended for public and school library collections. Anne O'Malley

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