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From Library JournalPublished in conjunction with an exhibition organized by the Yale University Art Gallery and the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, this book takes an interdisciplinary look at the art of the American West. In seven essays illustrated with examples from the exhibit, contributors from the fields of history, art history, and American studies examine significant Western artists of the last three centuries. Three themes emerge: discovery, erasure, and invention. The book achieves the goal declared in its subtitle by revealing a transforming vision of the West created by Euro-

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