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Provides a vivid sense of the man and the writer...A well-rounded portrayal that concludes with a positive assessment of Hemingway's place in literature. (*Booklist*)

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