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That Most Disturbing of Drives

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Informed by Julia Kristeva's work, this book approaches Colette's writing and its translation along with two films via close, psychoanalytic readings.

This book makes an argument critical to literary theory and sexuality in 2022. It argues that Colette's fiction portrays a woman struggling to live in the throes of the incest taboo, understood in its psychological implications for power relations both private and public, then and now.

Readership

The book will appeal to general readers, scholars and students, given a Google search for the author.

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