



On Leave

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Faber & Faber. 1 Cloth(s), 2014. hard. Book Condition: New. Three French soldiers are home on leave from the war in Algeria, in this 1957 novel. Even in civilian life, however, tensions remain: Private Lasteyrie cannot tell his father of his demotion; Sergeant Lachaume learns that his wife has left him; and Corporal Valette finds that his family's communist worldview no longer sustains him. Unable to join in the gaiety at a party, the soldiers aimlessly wander the streets and try to make sense of their lives. In his introduction, translator David Bellosco-winner with Ismail Kadare of the 2005 Man Booker International Prize reintroduces this provocative novel, whose antiwar sentiments kept it out of print for many years. "In style and particularly in spirit, [this novel] resembles the early works of Aldous Huxley . with their combination of lightness and intellect, their strong ethics and unexpected tenderness." NYTBR 198.



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