



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 Bellocco-winner with Ismail Kadare of the 2005 Man Booker International Prizereintroduces 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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