



Nikita: French Film Guide (Paperback)

By Susan Hayward

I.B.Tauris Co Ltd, United Kingdom, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 228 x 178 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. *Nikita* (1990) is the story of a nineteen-year old junkie, *Nikita* (Anne Parillaud) who is given a second chance in life through being trained to be - and becoming - a skilled assassin for the State. *Nikita* is a cult classic, directed by Luc Besson (with Thierry Arbogast as director of photography) in his hallmark powerful style. The film was an international hit, which spawned a TV series and a Hollywood remake. Susan Hayward develops here a fresh and provocative way of understanding *Nikita* s plot structure as a neo-baroque symphony. She goes in depth into key sequences of the film, examines its reception as a popular film by audiences and critics, and looks at *The Assassin* , the Hollywood remake of *Nikita* . This is a wonderfully exciting book on an underrated film. It also shows that the woman placed at the centre of a film noir can , as Susan Hayward points out, for once win - or at least get away with it .



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