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Paul J. Karlstrom illuminates key historical and cultural events of the twentieth-century as he describes Selz's extraordinary career--from Chicago's Institute of Design (New Bauhaus), to New York's Museum of Modern Art during the transformative 1960s, and as founding director of the University Art Museum at UC Berkeley.

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[Peter Selz] is a readable account packed with information about the workings of art museums on both coasts, but in a larger sense, it is an intellectual bildungsroman recounting a life in art that never stopped evolving.

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Relying [End Page 464] greatly upon Selz's own words and recollections, Paul J. Karlstrom's biography portrays Selz's life history as a German Jew who fled from Nazi Germany to the United States and proceeds to follow Selz through his prestigious career in the art field, which included positions at Chicago's IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology), Institute of Design, Pomona College, MoMA, and BAM/PFA. Selz has had a significant impact on the art world, supporting new, unknown, and ...