The Third Republic Defended: Bourgeois Reform in France, 1880-1914

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The Third Republic Defended: Bourgeois Reform in France, 1880-1914, by Sanford Elwitt. Baton Rouge and London: Louisiana State University Press, 1986. In this comprehensive and well-written book, Sanford Elwitt provides a detailed account of the development of the Third Republic in France, 1880-1914. Elwitt examines the role of the bourgeoisie in shaping the political, economic, and social policies of the Third Republic, and how these policies were influenced by the political and social context of the time. Elwitt argues that the bourgeoisie sought to defend their interests and maintain the status quo, including through electoral reforms and protective tariffs. The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in understanding the history of France during this period.