



The CIA and the Congress for Cultural Freedom in the Early Cold War: Strange Bedfellows

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Taylor & Francis Ltd. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The CIA and the Congress for Cultural Freedom in the Early Cold War: Strange Bedfellows, Sarah M. Harris, This book calls into question the conventional wisdom about one of the most controversial episodes in the Cold War, and tells the story of the CIA's backing of the Congress for Cultural Freedom. For nearly two decades of the early Cold War, the CIA secretly sponsored some of the world's most feted writers, philosophers, and scientists as part of a campaign to stop Communism from regaining a foothold in western Europe and Asia. By backing the Congress for Cultural Freedom, the CIA subsidized dozens of prominent magazines, global congresses, annual seminars, and artistic festivals. When this operation-QKOPERA-became public in 1967, it ignited one of the most damaging scandals in CIA history. Ever since, the prevailing assumption has been that the CIA, as the Congress's paymaster, manipulated a generation of intellectuals into lending their names to pro-American, anti-Communist ideas in exchange for prestigious bylines and plentiful grants. Even today, a cloud hangs over the reputations of many of the intellectuals associated with the Congress. This book tells the story of how a small...



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