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John Sayles is the very paradigm of the contemporary independent filmmaker. By raising much of the funding for his films himself, Sayles functions more independently than most directors, and he has used his freedom to write and produce films with a distinctive personal style and often clearly expressed political positions. From *The Return of the Secaucus Seven* to *Sunshine State*, his films have consistently expressed progressive political positions on issues including race, gender, sexuality, class, and disability.

nbsp;"An insightful and thorough study of an important film director. Bringing to bear his broad knowledge of cinema, literature, and popular culture, David R. Shumway's study will appeal to fans of Sayles's work and others interested in

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