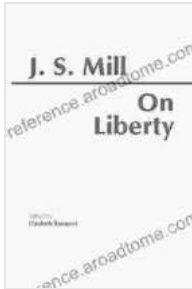


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Mill's philosophy advocates for a society where individuals are free to pursue their aspirations and lead fulfilling lives, free from excessive state control. He argues that the only legitimate purpose of government is to prevent individuals from harming others and that beyond this sphere, individuals should be free to make their own choices about their lives, even if those choices are deemed unpopular or unconventional.

### **Key Tenets of "On Liberty":**

\* **Individual Liberty:** Mill believes that each individual possesses inherent rights and freedoms, which must be protected from encroachment by the state. \* **Harm Principle:** The only justifiable reason for government intervention is to prevent individuals from harming others. \* **Liberty of Thought and Expression:** Mill vigorously defends freedom of speech and expression, arguing that it is essential for individual growth and societal progress. \* **Limits of Social Authority:** Mill emphasizes that society has no right to impose its values or morals on individuals as long as they are not harming others. \* **Importance of Individuality:** Mill believes that individuality and self-expression are crucial for human flourishing and that society should foster these qualities.

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Mill's ideas have inspired countless philosophers, activists, and policymakers, including:

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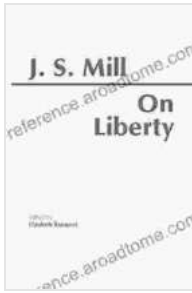
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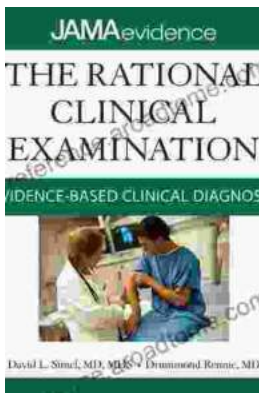
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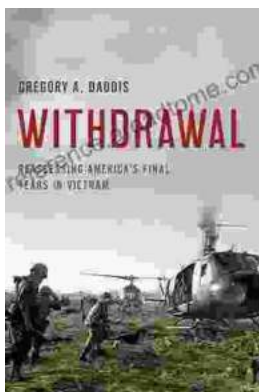


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