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Slavery was a central part of the British Empire in the eighteenth century. It was also a time of great intellectual ferment, when the Enlightenment was challenging traditional ideas about society and government. This book examines the complex relationship between slavery and the Enlightenment in the British Atlantic world.

The book begins by exploring how the ideas of the Enlightenment were used to justify slavery. Some Enlightenment thinkers argued that slavery was a natural and necessary institution that was essential for the progress of civilization. Others argued that slavery was a violation of natural rights and that it should be abolished.

The book then examines how the Enlightenment helped to create a climate of opposition to slavery. The ideas of the Enlightenment inspired a growing

number of people to question the morality of slavery and to demand its abolition. This led to the formation of abolitionist movements in Britain and the United States.

The book concludes by arguing that the Enlightenment had a profound impact on the history of slavery in the British Atlantic world. The ideas of the Enlightenment helped to justify slavery, but they also helped to create a climate of opposition to slavery. This ultimately led to the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1807.

This book is a major contribution to the study of slavery and the Enlightenment. It is a nuanced and comprehensive account of a complex and important topic. The book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history of slavery, the Enlightenment, or the British Atlantic world.

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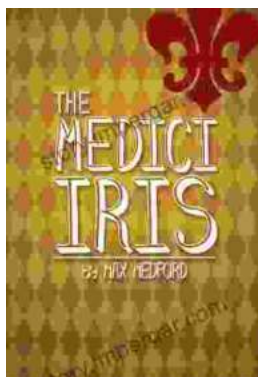
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