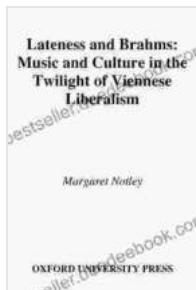


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The twilight of Viennese liberalism was a period of great social and political upheaval in the Austrian capital. The Austro-Hungarian Empire was collapsing, and the city was rife with poverty, crime, and political unrest. In the midst of this chaos, a group of young composers emerged who would revolutionize the world of music.



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Arnold Schoenberg, Alban Berg, and Anton Webern were all born in Vienna in the late 19th century. They came from different backgrounds, but they shared a common love of music. They were also all influenced by the social and political turmoil of their time.

Schoenberg's music is often characterized by its atonality and dissonance. This was a radical departure from the traditional tonality of Western music.

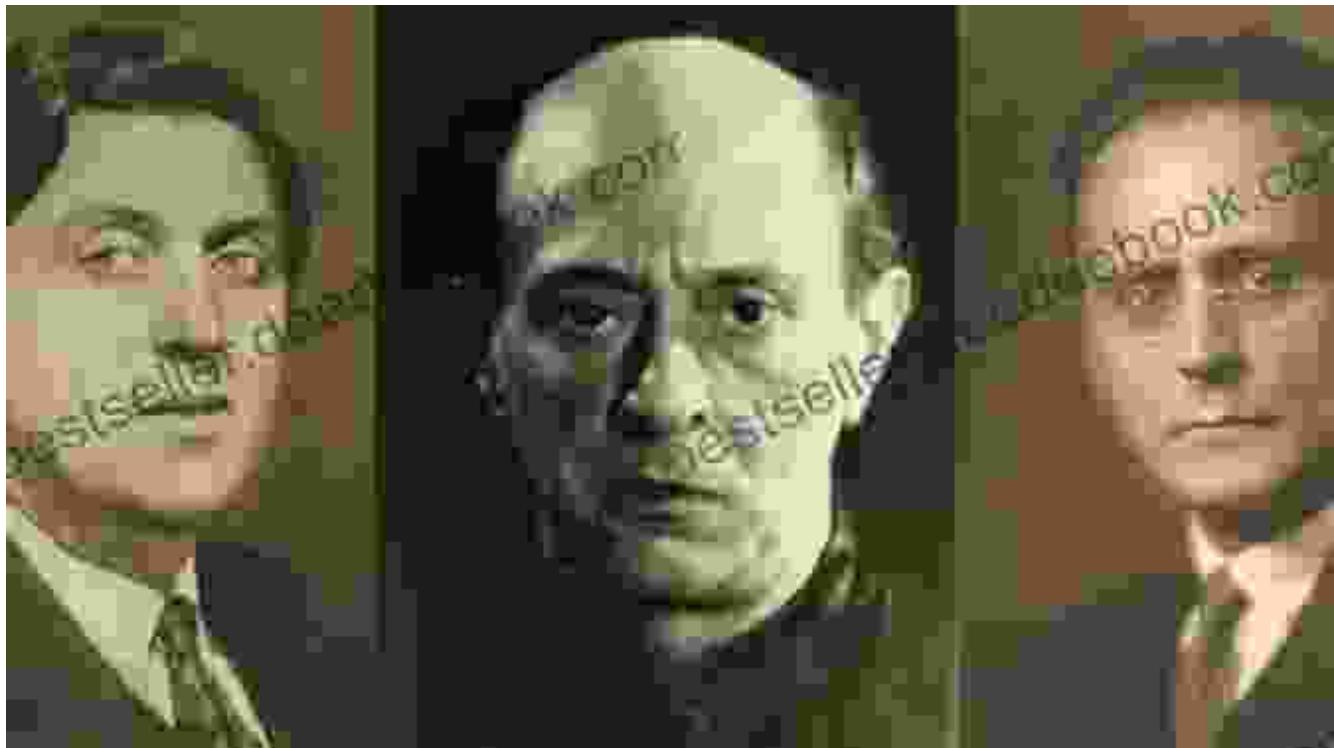
Schoenberg's music was often met with hostility, but he never wavered in his belief that it was the music of the future.

Berg's music is more lyrical than Schoenberg's, but it is still full of dissonance and atonality. Berg's music often explores the themes of love, loss, and death. He was particularly interested in the psychological effects of war, and his music often reflects the horrors of World War I.

Webern's music is the most extreme of the three composers. It is often very short and fragmented, and it often uses silence as a compositional element. Webern's music is often seen as a precursor to the minimalist movement of the 20th century.

The music of Schoenberg, Berg, and Webern had a profound impact on the cultural landscape of Vienna in the early 20th century. Their music challenged the traditional boundaries of tonality and form, and it helped to create a new era of musical expressionism. The music of these composers continues to be performed and studied today, and it remains a testament to the power of music to reflect and shape the human experience.

The twilight of Viennese liberalism was a period of great social and political upheaval. The music of Arnold Schoenberg, Alban Berg, and Anton Webern reflects the tensions of this time, and it played a significant role in shaping the cultural landscape of Vienna in the early 20th century. The music of these composers continues to be relevant today, and it offers a valuable insight into the human condition.



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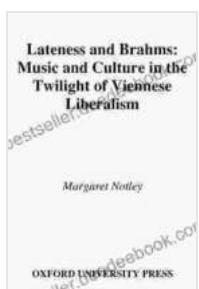
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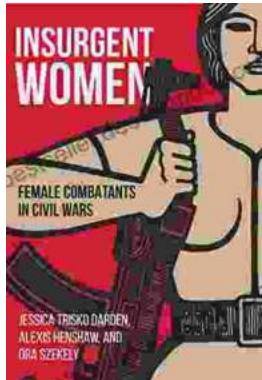


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