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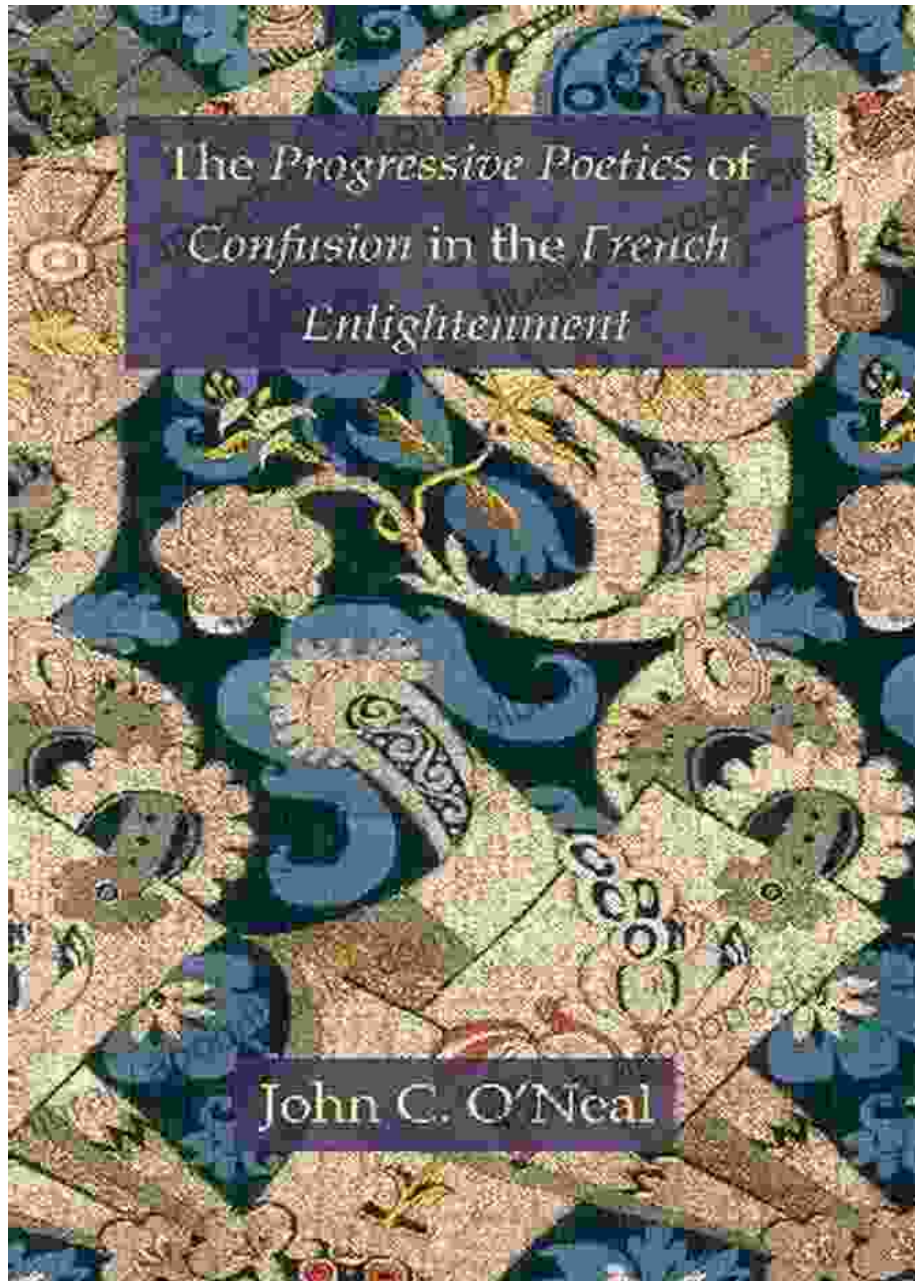


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In the vibrant intellectual landscape of the French Enlightenment, confusion was not merely an obstacle to be overcome, but a catalyst for progressive ideas. This book delves into the enigmatic texts of the era, revealing how writers and thinkers strategically employed confusion to challenge established norms and push the boundaries of human understanding.

Through close readings of works by Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, and others, Sarah Maza uncovers the profound ways in which confusion influenced the development of Enlightenment thought. She argues that confusion was not simply a literary device, but a fundamental aspect of the Enlightenment's epistemological and political project. By embracing confusion, Enlightenment writers sought to undermine traditional hierarchies, promote tolerance, and cultivate a critical spirit.

Maza's groundbreaking study sheds new light on the intellectual history of the French Enlightenment, challenging long-held assumptions about the role of clarity and reason in the era's thought. With its rigorous analysis and engaging prose, this book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history of ideas, literature, and the enduring legacy of the Enlightenment.

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