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Stéphane Mallarmé (1842-1898) is one of the most enigmatic and influential figures in French literature. His work, which spans poetry, prose, and drama, is characterized by its dense symbolism, musicality, and preoccupation with the nature of art and language. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the political dimensions of Mallarmé's work, particularly in his treatment of the feminine and desire.



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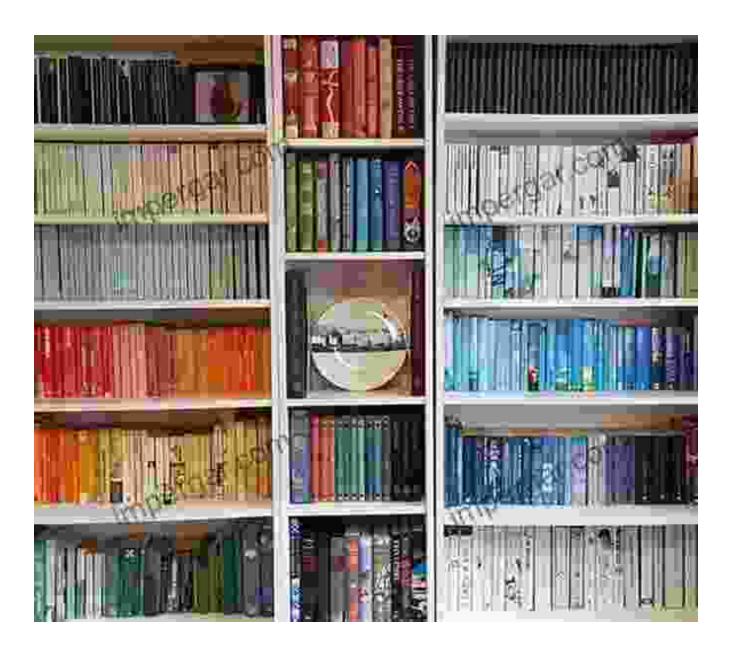
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