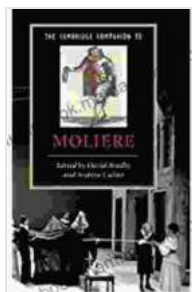


# The Cambridge Companion to Molière: A Comprehensive Guide to the French Playwright's Life, Works, and Legacy

## : Molière, the Master of French Comedy

Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, better known by his stage name Molière, stands as a towering figure in the history of French literature and world drama. His comedic masterpieces, renowned for their wit, satire, and exploration of human nature, have captivated audiences for centuries.



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## Chapter 1: Molière's Life and Career



This chapter delves into the life and career of Molière, tracing his early years in Paris as an aspiring actor to his rise as a playwright and founder of the Illustre Théâtre. The chapter explores his relationship with French society, the influence of his contemporaries, and the challenges he faced as an artist.

## **Chapter 2: Molière's Plays: Comedies of Character and Society**

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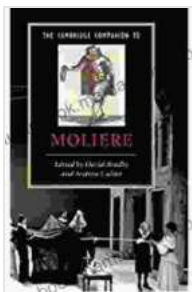
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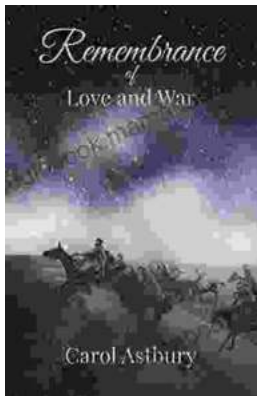
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