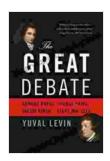
# Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine: The Birth of Right and Left

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#### **Burke's Conservatism**

Burke was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1729. He studied law at Trinity College Dublin and then moved to London to pursue a career in politics. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1765 and quickly became one of the most respected members of Parliament.

Burke was a brilliant orator and a gifted writer. His most famous work, Reflections on the Revolution in France, was published in 1790. In this work, Burke argued that the French Revolution was a dangerous experiment that would lead to chaos and tyranny. He believed that governments should be strong and that the people should be content with their lot.

Burke's conservatism was based on a number of beliefs. He believed that society is a complex organism that has evolved over time. He argued that governments should be strong and that the people should be content with their lot.

#### Paine's Radicalism

Paine was born in Thetford, England, in 1737. He worked as a corset maker and a tax collector before moving to America in 1774. He quickly became involved in the American Revolution and wrote a series of pamphlets that helped to rally support for the cause of independence.

Paine's most famous work, Common Sense, was published in 1776. In this work, Paine argued that the American colonies should declare

independence from Great Britain. He believed that governments should be limited and that the people should be free to shape their own destiny.

Paine's radicalism was based on a number of beliefs. He believed that all men are created equal and that they have certain natural rights, such as the right to life, liberty, and property. He also believed that governments should be limited and that the people should have the right to overthrow any government that is oppressive.

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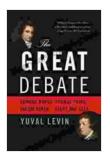
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The debate between Burke and Paine continues to this day. Conservatives and liberals still argue about the best way to govern society. The ideas of Burke and Paine have shaped the course of history and will continue to do so for years to come.

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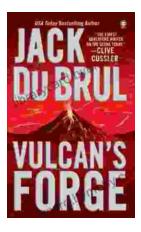
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