

Poststructuralism: A Very Short Introduction

By **Catherine Belsey**

Poststructuralism is a challenging and influential school of thought that has had a profound impact on our understanding of language, culture, and power. This Very Short provides a clear and concise overview of poststructuralism, exploring its key concepts and thinkers.

Catherine Belsey begins by explaining the origins of poststructuralism in the work of Ferdinand de Saussure, who argued that language is not a transparent medium for thought, but rather a system of signs that are arbitrary and constantly shifting. Belsey then goes on to discuss the work of key poststructuralist thinkers such as Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, and Roland Barthes, who developed Saussure's ideas to argue that all forms of discourse are shaped by power relations.



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Poststructuralism has been a major force in shaping contemporary thought in the humanities and social sciences. It has challenged traditional notions of truth, objectivity, and reason, and has opened up new ways of thinking about the relationship between language, culture, and power. This Very Short is an essential guide to this complex but important school of thought.

Key Features

- Provides a clear and concise overview of poststructuralism
- Explores the key concepts and thinkers of poststructuralism
- Discusses the impact of poststructuralism on contemporary thought
- Written by a leading expert in the field

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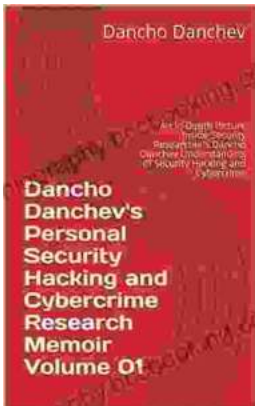
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