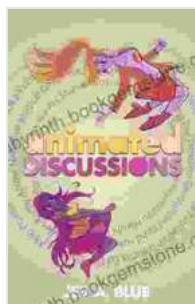


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Anime has become a global phenomenon, with fans of all ages and from all walks of life. However, despite its popularity, anime has often been overlooked by academic critics. In recent years, there has been a growing body of critical work on anime, but much of it remains scattered and inaccessible. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the field of anime criticism by examining the works of three of its leading scholars: Susan Napier, Jonathan Clements, and Marc Steinberg.



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between anime and other forms of Japanese culture, such as manga, film, and television.

Clements' work explores the cultural and social context of anime. In his book *Anime: A History*, he examines the ways in which anime has been influenced by Japanese history, politics, and society. Clements also explores the ways in which anime has been used to reflect and critique Japanese culture.

Steinberg's work examines the aesthetics and philosophy of anime. In his book *Anime's Media Mix: Bridging Media and Borders*, he explores the ways in which anime has been influenced by other media, such as manga, film, and television. Steinberg also examines the ways in which anime has been used to explore philosophical themes, such as identity, agency, and the nature of reality.

### **Susan Napier**

Susan Napier is one of the leading scholars of anime. Her work has been instrumental in shaping the field of anime criticism. Napier's work is characterized by its historical and cultural approach. She is particularly interested in the ways in which anime has been influenced by Japanese history, politics, and society.

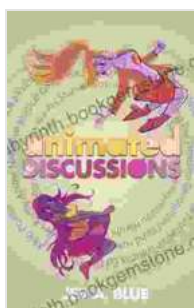
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Napier's work has been praised for its rigor and its insights into the history and development of anime. She has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Japan Foundation Award for the Promotion of Japanese Studies.

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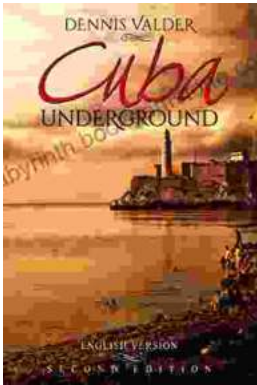
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