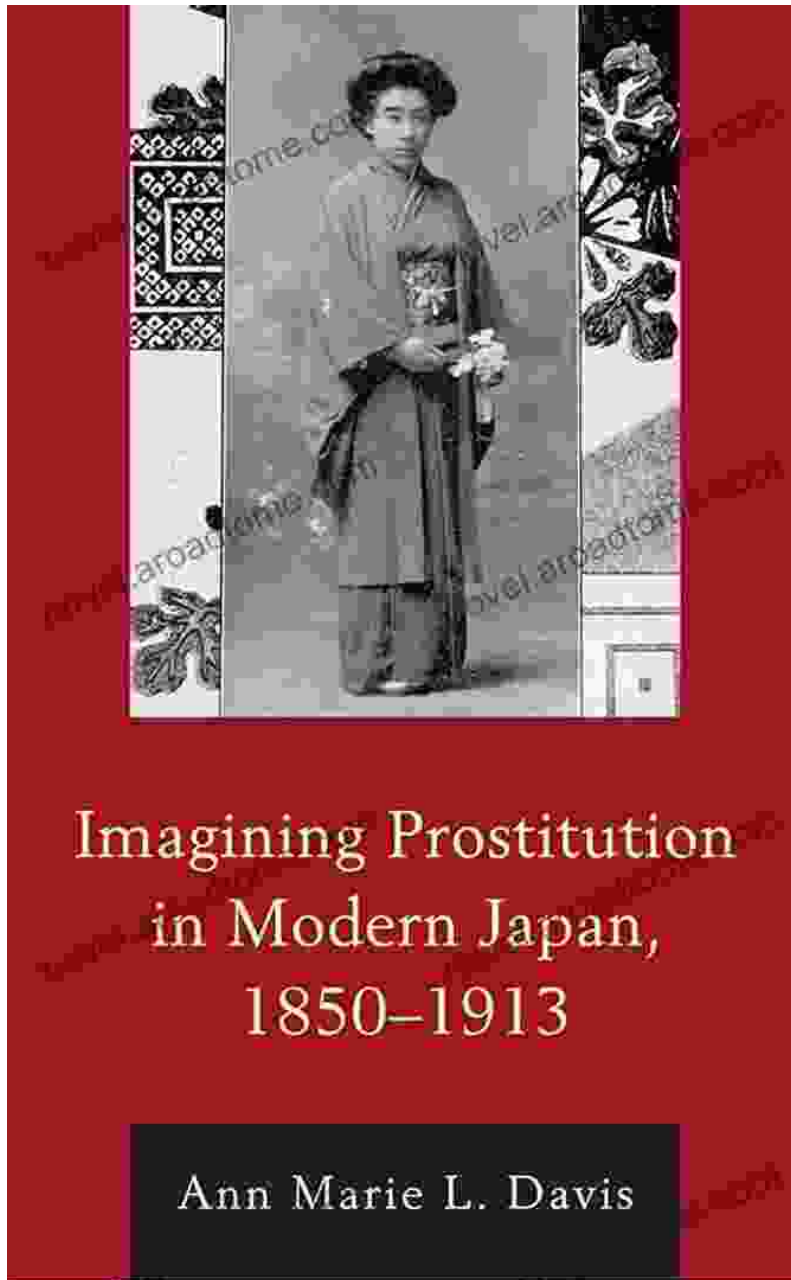


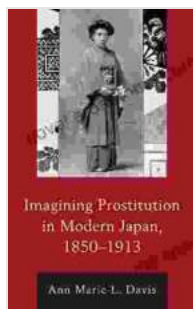
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A Comprehensive Exploration of Japan's Complex History

This meticulously researched book delves into the multifaceted history of prostitution in Japan during the Meiji period, a time of rapid societal transformation.

Drawing from a wealth of primary sources, the author, Sabine Frühstück, sheds light on the intricate relationships between gender, sexuality, class, and modernity in this era.

Uncovering the Social and Political Landscape

Prostitution in Meiji Japan was inextricably linked to the country's social and political landscape. The book examines the ways in which the government sought to regulate the industry through the *Karyō Hō* (Prostitution Law) of 1872.

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At the heart of the book lies an empathetic exploration of the lives of prostituted women in Meiji Japan. Frühstück draws upon diaries, letters, and other personal accounts to reveal their experiences and perspectives.

She delves into the complex reasons why women entered into prostitution, the challenges they faced, and their resilience in the face of adversity.

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Prostitution in Meiji Japan sparked intense debates and challenged societal norms. The book examines the role of the media, literature, and art in shaping public opinion about prostitution.

It explores how different groups, including feminists, social reformers, and doctors, sought to influence the perception and treatment of prostituted women.

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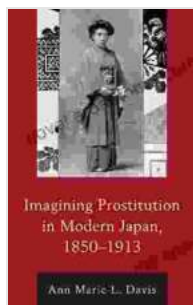
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- **Interdisciplinary Approach:** Draws on history, sociology, and gender studies to provide a holistic understanding of the topic.

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