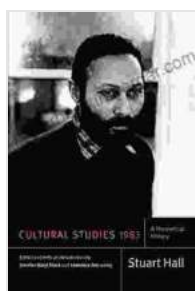


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## Stuart Hall and the New Left

Stuart Hall was born in Jamaica in 1932. He moved to England in 1951 to study at Oxford University. After graduating from Oxford, Hall worked as a journalist and editor for the New Left Review. The New Left Review was a leading journal of the British New Left, a group of intellectuals and activists who were critical of the traditional left-wing politics of the Labour Party.

The New Left argued that the traditional left had failed to understand the importance of culture and ideology in shaping people's lives. They also argued that the traditional left was too focused on economic issues and not enough on social and cultural issues.

Hall's work with the New Left had a profound impact on his thinking about history. He came to believe that history is not simply a record of past events, but an ongoing process of interpretation and reinterpretation that is shaped by the present. He also came to believe that history is not a neutral or objective account of the past, but a narrative that is always shaped by the power relations of the present.

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Hall argues that the present is always shaped by the past. He also argues that the past is always present in the present. The present is not simply a break from the past, but a continuation of the past. The past is not simply a memory, but a living force that continues to shape our lives.

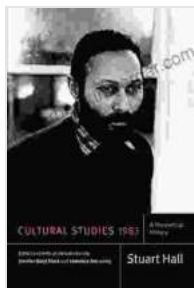
Hall's theory of history has implications for how we think about the present. He argues that we cannot understand the present without understanding

the past. He also argues that we cannot change the present without changing the past.

Hall's work is a challenge to traditional notions of history. He offers a radical new way of understanding the past and the present. His work is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the world we live in.

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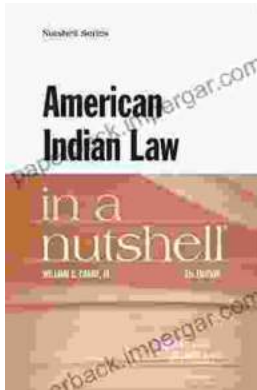
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