Anti-Computing: Dissent and the Machine

By John Freeman

In the age of the internet and social media, it's easy to forget that computers are not neutral tools. They are powerful machines that can be used to control and manipulate us. This is the central argument of John Freeman's new book, Anti-Computing: Dissent and the Machine.

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Freeman argues that computers are not simply tools that we use to get our work done. They are also powerful tools that can be used to shape our thoughts and behaviors. He points to the example of social media, which has been shown to have a negative impact on our mental health and well-being. Social media companies use algorithms to track our every move and target us with advertising that is designed to manipulate our behavior. This can lead to a sense of addiction and anxiety.

Freeman also argues that computers are becoming increasingly opaque. We no longer understand how they work or how they are used to make

decisions. This is a dangerous trend, as it gives corporations and governments the power to control us without our knowledge or consent.

Anti-Computing is a timely and important book. It is a call to arms for anyone who is concerned about the dangers of our increasing reliance on computers and technology. Freeman offers a clear and concise analysis of the problem, and he proposes a number of solutions that we can implement to protect ourselves from the dangers of anti-computing.

Here are some of the key takeaways from Anti-Computing:

- Computers are not neutral tools. They are powerful machines that can be used to control and manipulate us.

- Social media companies use algorithms to track our every move and target us with advertising that is designed to manipulate our behavior.

- We are becoming increasingly dependent on computers, and this is making us more vulnerable to their control.

- We need to take steps to protect ourselves from the dangers of anti-computing.

If you are concerned about the dangers of our increasing reliance on computers and technology, I highly recommend reading Anti-Computing. It is a powerful and important book that will change the way you think about the role of computers in our lives.

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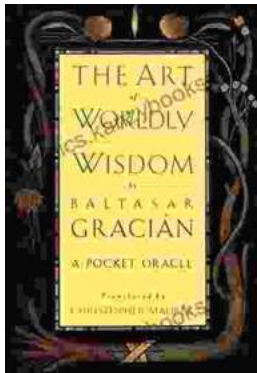### Anti-computing: Dissent and the machine by Caroline Bassett

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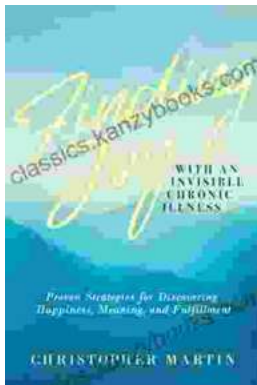
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