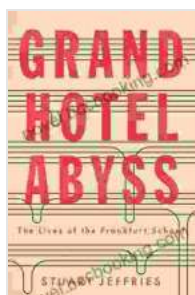


The Frankfurt School: A History and Legacy of Critical Social Theory

The Frankfurt School, a group of German intellectuals based in Frankfurt am Main, emerged in the early 20th century as a leading force in the development of critical social theory. Drawing inspiration from Marxism, psychoanalysis, and other disciplines, the Frankfurt School's members sought to understand and critique the social, cultural, and economic forces shaping modern society.

The Frankfurt School was founded in 1924 as the Institute for Social Research. Its founding members included Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer, and Herbert Marcuse, who were all influenced by the work of Karl Marx and other Marxist thinkers. However, the Frankfurt School also drew on other intellectual traditions, such as the phenomenology of Edmund Husserl, the psychoanalysis of Sigmund Freud, and the cultural studies of Walter Benjamin.

The Frankfurt School's intellectual output spanned a wide range of topics, but several key themes and concepts emerged as central to their work:



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Several key figures associated with the Frankfurt School made significant contributions to critical social theory:

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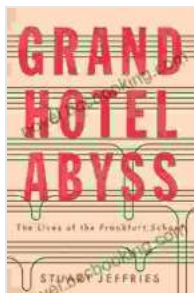
The Frankfurt School's legacy can be seen in a wide range of contemporary theoretical and political movements, from critical race theory to anti-capitalist activism. Its work continues to inspire scholars, activists, and anyone who seeks to understand and change the world we live in.

The Frankfurt School was a remarkable group of intellectuals who made groundbreaking contributions to critical social theory. Their work on capitalism, culture, and authoritarianism remains relevant and essential reading for anyone interested in understanding the challenges and opportunities of modern society.

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- **Image of Herbert Marcuse:** Herbert Marcuse, a leading figure in the Frankfurt School who critiqued advanced capitalism and the spread of consumerism.
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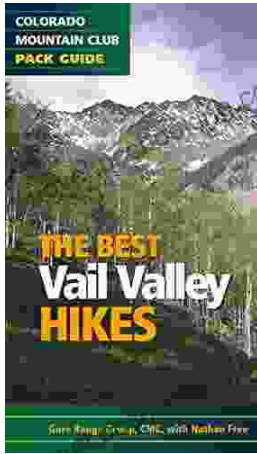
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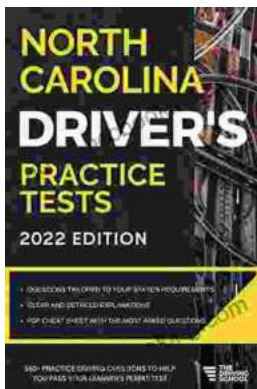
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