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**John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester** (1647-1680) was one of the most notorious and controversial figures of the Restoration era. A libertine poet,

playwright, and courtier, Rochester was known for his wit, satire, and debauchery. His poetry, which often celebrated sexual pleasure and mocked conventional morality, was both admired and condemned in his own time.

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#### A Libertine Poet in the Restoration Court

Rochester was born into a wealthy and aristocratic family. He attended Oxford University and then traveled extensively throughout Europe. In 1668, he returned to England and was appointed to the court of King Charles II. Rochester quickly became a favorite of the king and was known for his wit, charm, and libertine lifestyle.

Rochester's poetry often reflected his own experiences and beliefs. He celebrated sexual pleasure and mocked conventional morality. He was also a master of satire, and his poems often attacked the hypocrisy and corruption of the Restoration court.

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Rochester died at the age of 33 from syphilis. Despite his short life, he left behind a body of work that has had a lasting impact on English literature. His poetry has been praised for its wit, energy, and honesty. He has been cited as an influence by many later poets, including William Blake, Lord Byron, and Oscar Wilde.

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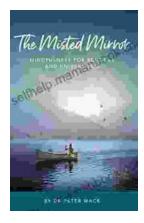
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