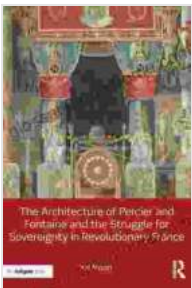


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Percier and Fontaine were both born in Paris in the 1760s. They studied architecture at the *École des Beaux-Arts* and were both influenced by the work of the neoclassical architect Claude-Nicolas Ledoux. In 1793, they were both appointed architects to the newly established French Republic. They were responsible for designing a number of important public buildings in Paris, including the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre Museum, and the Tuileries Palace.

The work of Percier and Fontaine was characterized by its elegance and grandeur. Their buildings were often decorated with classical motifs, such as columns, pediments, and statues. They also made use of new materials and technologies, such as iron and glass. Their work was highly influential in the development of the neoclassical style in architecture.

However, the work of Percier and Fontaine was not without its critics. Some critics argued that their buildings were too ostentatious and that they did not reflect the values of the new republic. Others argued that their work was too derivative of the work of Ledoux. Despite these criticisms, Percier and Fontaine continued to be commissioned to design important buildings throughout their careers.

The Architecture of Percier and Fontaine and the Struggle for Sovereignty in France is a valuable contribution to the study of French architecture. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the work of two of the most important architects of the early 19th century. It also explores the complex relationship between architecture and politics in France during this period.

### **The Political Context of Percier and Fontaine's Work**

The work of Percier and Fontaine was shaped by the political and social changes that were taking place in France in the early 19th century. The French Revolution had overthrown the monarchy and established a republic. However, the republic was unstable and faced a number of challenges from both within and outside of France.

In 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte seized power and established the Consulate. Napoleon was a brilliant military leader and he quickly restored Free Download to France. He also embarked on a number of ambitious projects,

including the construction of new roads, canals, and bridges. Napoleon's goal was to make France the dominant power in Europe.

Percier and Fontaine were both supporters of Napoleon. They believed that Napoleon was the man who could restore glory to France. They were commissioned to design a number of important buildings for Napoleon, including the Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre Museum.

Napoleon's reign came to an end in 1814 when he was defeated by the Allied powers. He was exiled to the island of Elba. The monarchy was restored in France and Louis XVIII became king.

Louis XVIII was not as supportive of Percier and Fontaine as Napoleon had been. He preferred the work of more traditional architects. However, Percier and Fontaine continued to receive commissions from the government and they continued to design important buildings throughout their careers.

## **The Architectural Style of Percier and Fontaine**

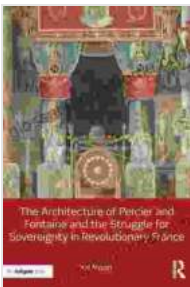
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Percier and Fontaine were influenced by the work of the neoclassical architect Claude-Nicolas Ledoux. Ledoux's work was characterized by its simplicity and geometric forms. Percier and Fontaine adopted many of Ledoux's ideas, but they also added their own unique touches.

The work of Percier and Fontaine was highly influential in the development of the neoclassical style in architecture. Their buildings were admired for their beauty and their grandeur. They helped to make neoclassicism the dominant style of architecture in France and throughout Europe.

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The work of Percier and Fontaine is a testament to the power of architecture to express the values and aspirations of a society. Their buildings are still admired today for their beauty and their grandeur. They are a reminder of the important role that architecture can play in shaping our world.



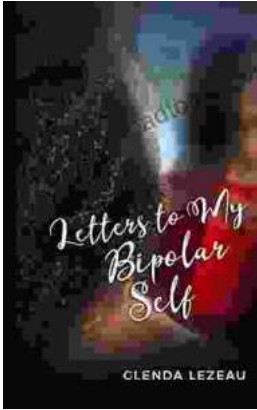
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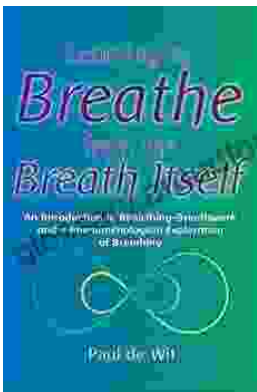
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