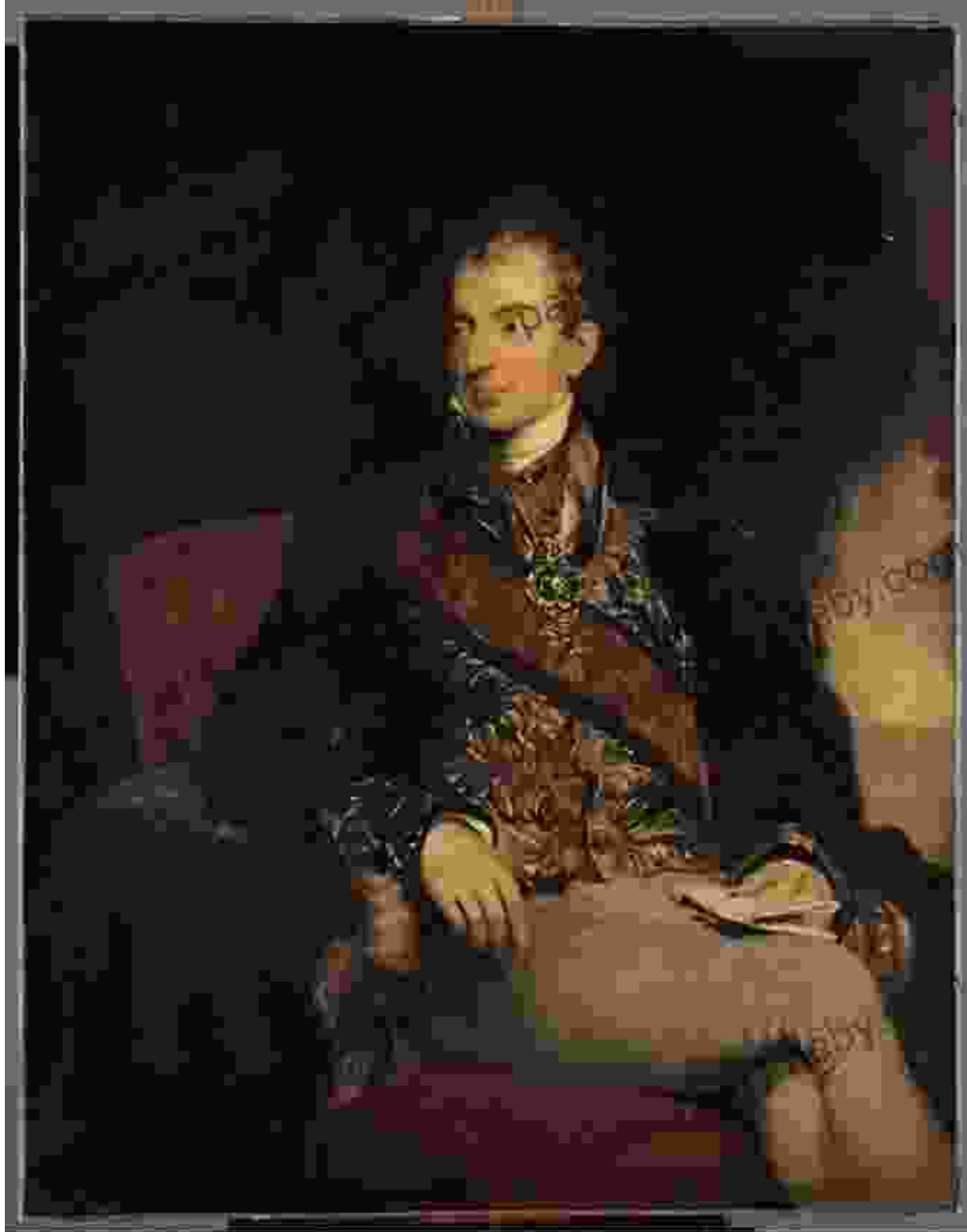


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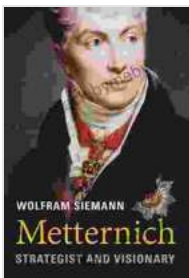
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Klemens von Metternich, the Austrian statesman who served as Foreign Minister from 1809 to 1848, was one of the most influential figures in European history. His conservative diplomacy played a major role in shaping the post-Napoleonic Free Download, and his legacy continues to be debated today.

In his new book, *Metternich: Strategist and Visionary*, Wolfram Siemann offers a fresh perspective on this enigmatic figure. Siemann argues that Metternich was not simply a reactionary conservative, but a pragmatic realist who sought to maintain the balance of power in Europe and prevent the outbreak of another major war.

Siemann's book is based on extensive research in Austrian and British archives. He draws on a wide range of sources, including diplomatic dispatches, personal letters, and memoirs, to provide a detailed and nuanced account of Metternich's life and career.

The book begins with a brief overview of Metternich's early life and education. Siemann then traces Metternich's rise to power, from his appointment as Austrian ambassador to France in 1806 to his appointment as Foreign Minister in 1809.

The central chapters of the book focus on Metternich's diplomacy during the Napoleonic Wars and the Congress of Vienna. Siemann argues that Metternich played a key role in negotiating the peace settlement that ended the wars, and that his diplomacy helped to establish a new balance of power in Europe.

In the final chapters of the book, Siemann examines Metternich's role in the Vormärz period, the period of political and social unrest that preceded the revolutions of 1848. Siemann argues that Metternich's conservative policies contributed to the outbreak of the revolutions, but that his diplomacy also helped to contain the spread of violence.

Metternich: Strategist and Visionary is a major contribution to the study of European diplomacy and international relations. Siemann's nuanced and well-researched account of Metternich's life and career provides a fresh perspective on this complex and controversial figure.

The book is essential reading for anyone interested in European history, diplomacy, or international relations. It is also a valuable resource for students and scholars of Metternich and his era.

About the Author

Wolfram Siemann is a professor of history at the University of Munich. He is the author of numerous books on European history, including *The German Revolution of 1848-49* and *The Vienna Congress: A Reappraisal*.

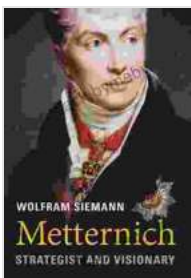
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