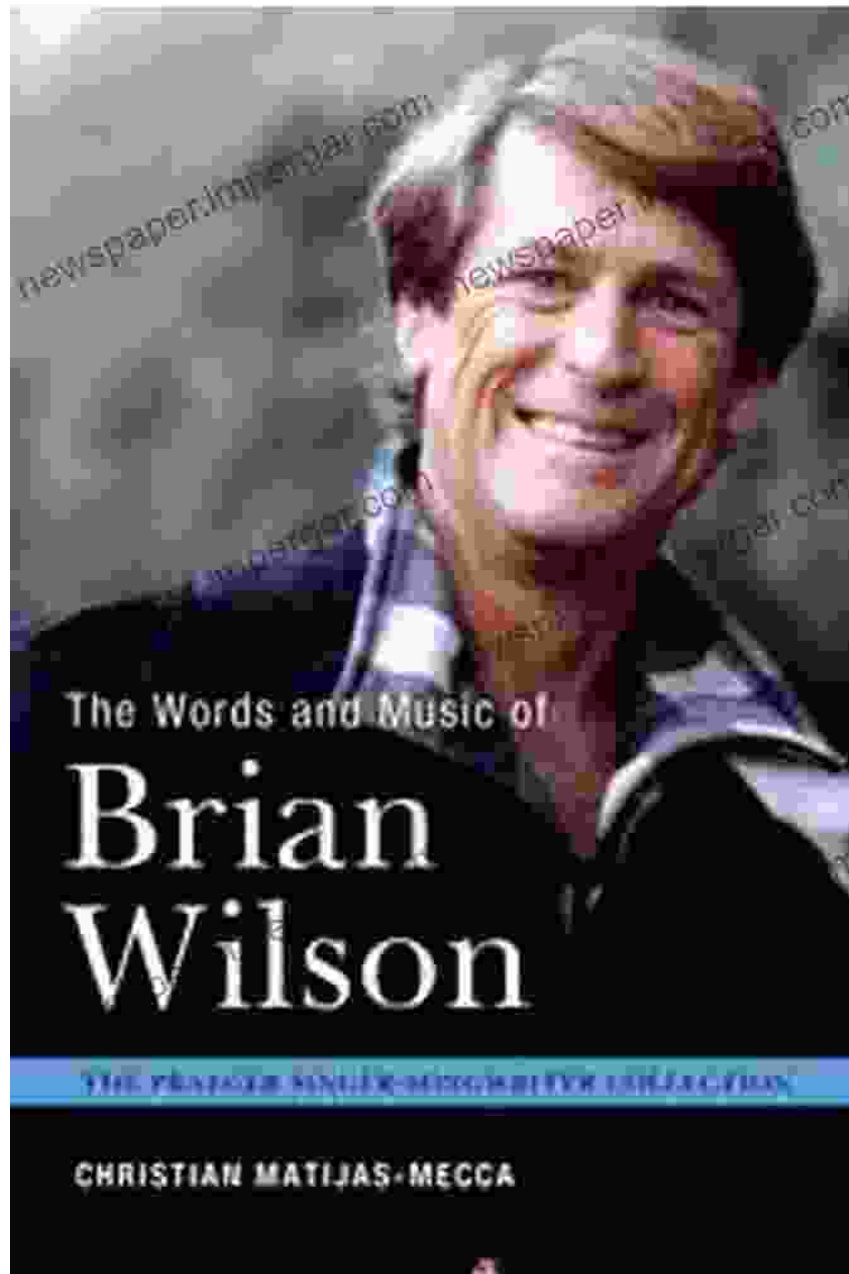
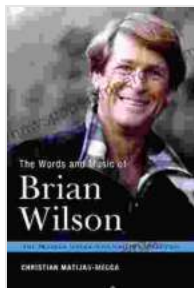


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This chapter traces Wilson's formative musical experiences, from his childhood influences to the genesis of the Beach Boys. We delve into the idyllic setting of Hawthorne, California, where the seeds of Wilson's creativity were first sown, and examine the profound impact of vocal groups like The Four Freshmen and Jan and Dean on his burgeoning musical vision.

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Chapter 3: The "Smile" Sessions and Beyond

In this chapter, we explore the ambitious and ultimately incomplete "Smile" project, a testament to Wilson's relentless pursuit of musical innovation. We delve into the complex history and fragmentary nature of "Smile," examining its influence on subsequent generations of artists and its status as a mythical masterpiece.

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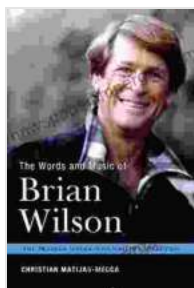
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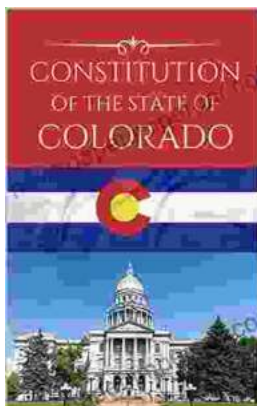
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