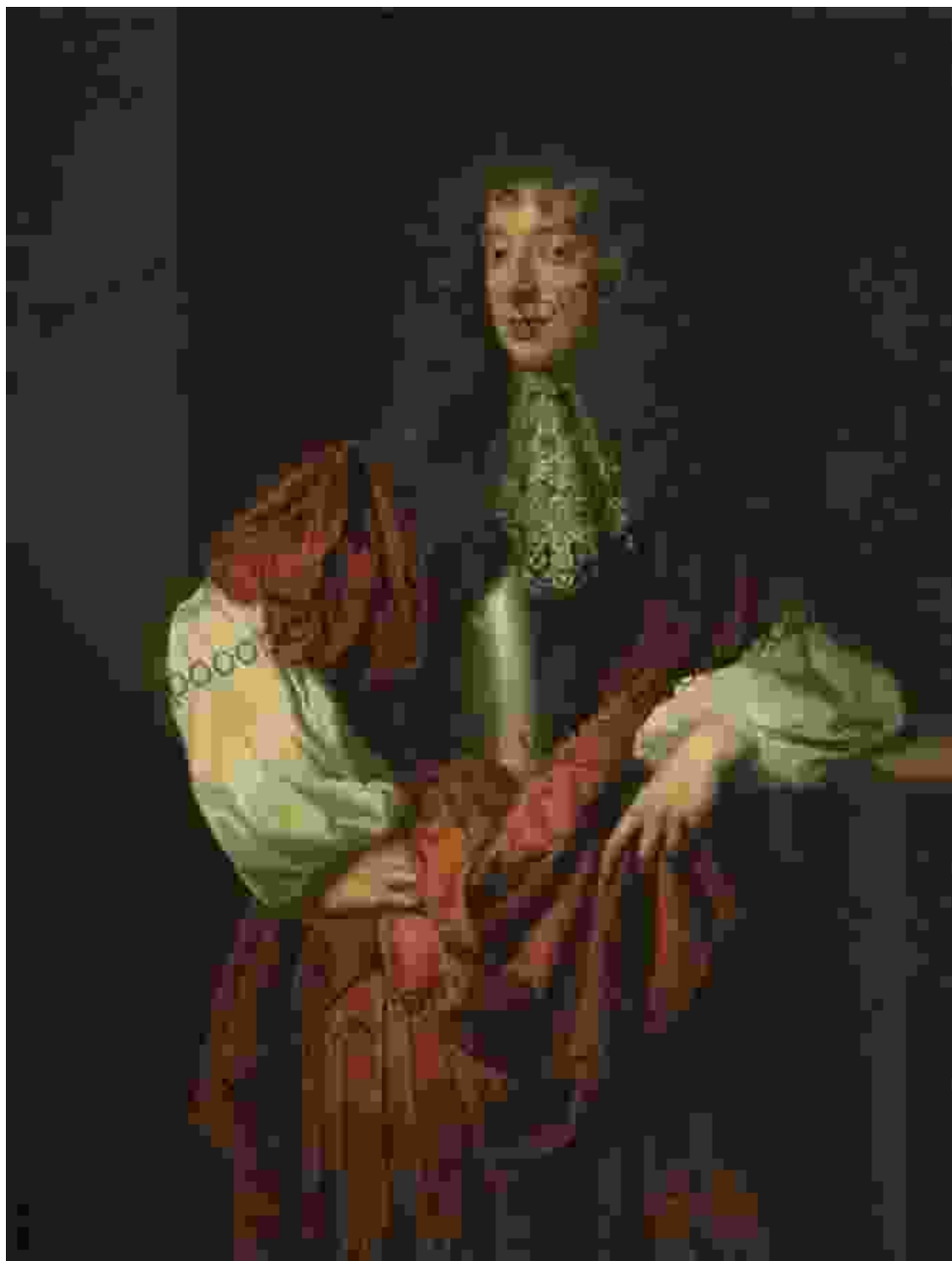


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Born into a wealthy and aristocratic family in 1647, John Wilmot became the second Earl of Rochester at the tender age of eight. Known as a libertine and a rake, Rochester reveled in excess and scandal. His outrageous behavior, from duels to drunken escapades, earned him both fame and infamy. However, beneath his scandalous facade lay a brilliant mind and a poetic talent that would shock and provoke for centuries to come.

### **Literary Provocateur**

Rochester's poetry and prose are characterized by their unflinching honesty, sharp wit, and a libertine philosophy that defied social norms. His verse explores themes of love, pleasure, and the nature of human existence, often with a satirical and cynical edge. Rochester's poetry is a reflection of his own rakish lifestyle, but it also reveals a complex and introspective mind grappling with the complexities of his time.

Rochester's most famous works include "A Satyr Against Reason and Mankind," a scathing attack on humanity's pretensions and vices, and "The Imperfect Enjoyment," a witty and sensual ode to the pleasures of love. However, his reputation rests not only on his provocative content but also on his mastery of language and form. Rochester's poetry is known for its sharp wit, clever use of rhyme, and evocative imagery.

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The *Delphi Complete Works of John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester* presents his entire literary output in a meticulously researched and beautifully illustrated edition. This definitive collection includes:

- All of Rochester's known poems, including his famous satires, love lyrics, and occasional pieces
- A selection of his prose works, including letters and essays
- A comprehensive biography that explores Rochester's life and times
- Detailed annotations and notes that provide historical context and literary analysis
- Over 100 stunning illustrations from the period, including portraits of Rochester and his contemporaries

## **A Legacy of Provocation**

Rochester's literary legacy remains controversial to this day. His work has been praised for its wit, honesty, and poetic brilliance, but it has also been criticized for its cynicism and obscenity. However, there is no doubt that Rochester was a major figure in the literary landscape of the Restoration period. His work continues to provoke, entertain, and inspire readers today.

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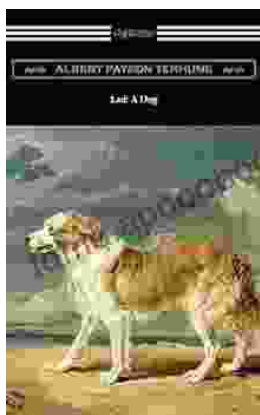


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