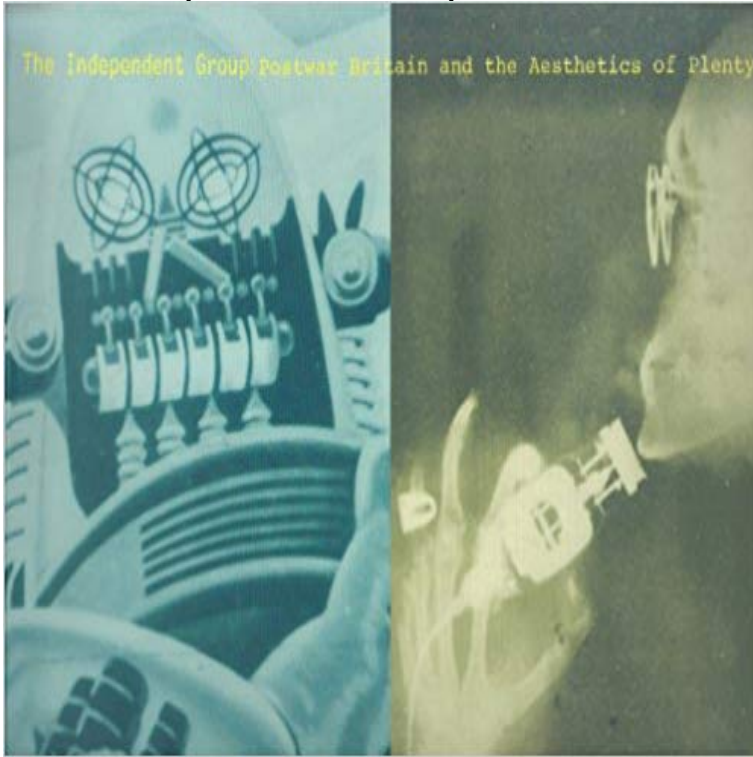


# The Independent Group: Postwar Britain and the Aesthetics of Plenty



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