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**Chapter 1: Introduction: Modern Arabic literature in social media**

In this introduction, I have addressed the most significant reasons that prompted the writers to publish their works via social media in the Arab world, and the supporting and opposing positions with respect to this trend, examining the justifications for each one of them.

* 1. **The structure of the book and its method:**

In this section, I have addressed the structure of the book and the contents of its chapters. I have also addressed the method upon which I relied in collecting the data, namely, the descriptive method, and why I relied upon this particular method.

**Chapter 2: Reflections of social media in modern Arabic literature: subject matter and common themes**

This chapter discusses different literary genres in which social media play a fundamental role on the level of subject matter, shedding light upon the most prominent topics and themes that have repeatedly surfaced in these genres. It seeks to reveal the changes that have occurred within Arab society in its attitude toward these media, how it interacts with them, and the extent to which it has benefitted from them in the space of a quarter century (1995-2020).

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This chapter discusses the literary genres that have adopted social media as their means of writing and publishing, without regard to their subject matter. The chapter aims to reveal the transformations brought about by these media in the different literary genres in terms of form and structure, while also attempting to identify the new literary genres produced by these media that did not previously exist.

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**Chapter 4: The influence of social media on language in literary texts**

This chapter examines the influence of social media on language in literary texts. It studies the most significant linguistic and stylistic phenomena that have emerged in contemporary literary genres, whether they have taken their subject matter from social media or only adopted them as a means of publishing.

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This chapter summarizes the most significant conclusions that we have reached about the complex relationship between literature and social media. It sheds light on the advantages of this relationship and its disadvantages, and identifies the important questions that have been answered and those that have yet to be answered. It further attempts to foretell the future of this relationship in the years to come.

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