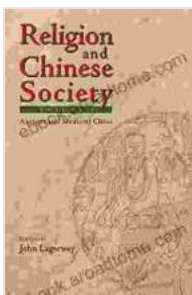


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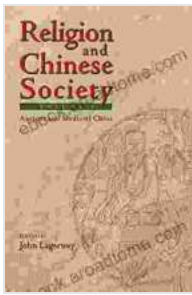
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The authors of this book are renowned scholars and experts in the field of Chinese history. Their collective expertise provides a comprehensive and authoritative account of China's ancient and medieval past.

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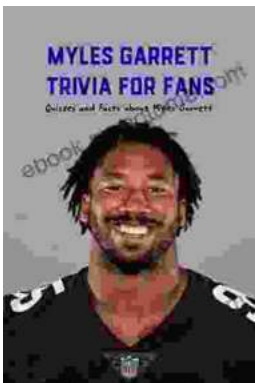
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