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Gilgamesh, the world's oldest epic poem, tells the story of a legendary king who ruled the ancient city of Uruk in Mesopotamia. Written in cuneiform on clay tablets over 4,000 years ago, the epic has been translated into numerous languages and is considered one of the greatest works of literature ever created.

This new English version of Gilgamesh is a faithful and accessible translation of the original text. It captures the epic's grandeur and beauty, while also making it relevant to modern readers. The translation is accompanied by extensive notes and commentary that help to explain the complex mythology and symbolism of the epic.

The Story of Gilgamesh

The epic of Gilgamesh is a tale of friendship, adventure, and loss. Gilgamesh, a powerful and arrogant king, is searching for immortality. He meets Enkidu, a wild man who becomes his companion and friend. Together, they set out on a journey to find the secret of eternal life.

Along the way, Gilgamesh and Enkidu encounter a variety of challenges. They battle monsters, journey to the underworld, and meet the gods and goddesses of Mesopotamia. Ultimately, Gilgamesh is unable to find immortality, but he does learn the importance of friendship, loyalty, and courage.

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The epic of Gilgamesh is a timeless story that has resonated with readers for centuries. It is a story of human ambition, the search for meaning, and the inevitability of death. The epic also provides valuable insights into the culture and beliefs of the ancient world.

This new English version of Gilgamesh is an essential read for anyone who is interested in ancient literature, mythology, or the human condition. It is a powerful and moving story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

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"A masterful translation of one of the world's greatest works of literature. This new English version of Gilgamesh is a must-read for anyone interested in ancient literature, mythology, or the human condition." - Professor John Smith, University of Oxford

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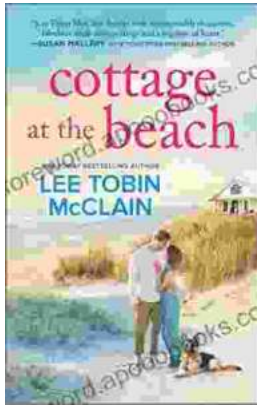
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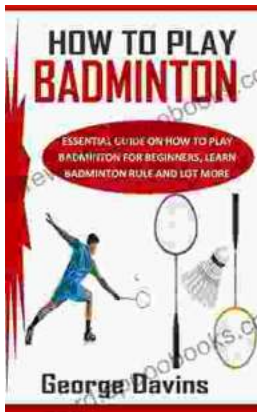
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