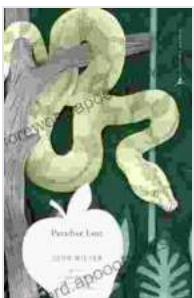


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Milton's epic opens in the vast expanse of Heaven, where angels loyal to God assemble in celestial council. However, amidst this heavenly harmony, one figure stands as a formidable adversary: Satan, the fallen angel cast out of Heaven due to his pride and rebellion. With his legions of rebellious angels, Satan plots his revenge against God and his creation, Earth.



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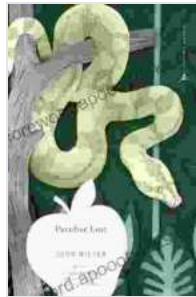
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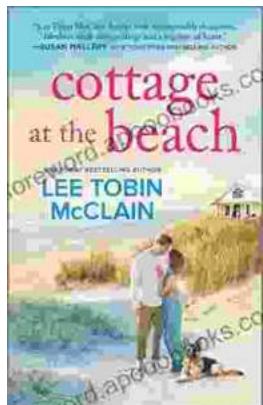
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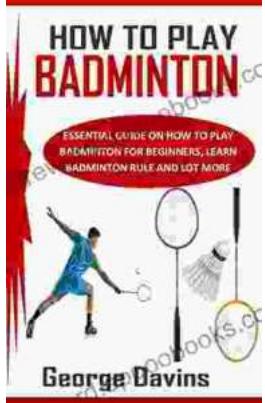
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