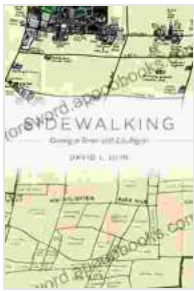


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Beyond the well-known landmarks, Kipen also explores Los Angeles's hidden corners and forgotten spaces. He uncovers the remnants of the city's industrial past in the abandoned factories of Vernon and the hidden gardens of South Park. He walks through the sprawling suburbs of the San Fernando Valley, pondering the city's relentless growth and its impact on the environment.

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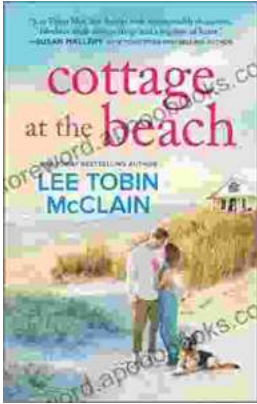
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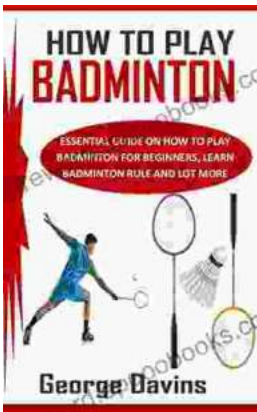
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