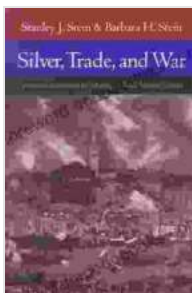


# Silver Trade and War: An Exploration of the Economic and Political Impact of Silver in the 16th and 17th Centuries

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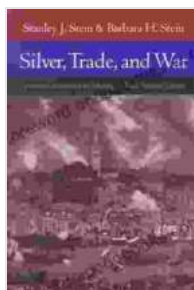
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Silver also played a major role in the development of the modern state system. Silver was used to pay for armies, navies, and other state expenses. This helped to create a more centralized and powerful state system.

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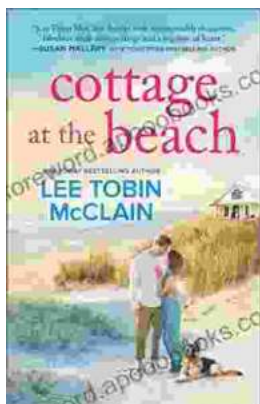
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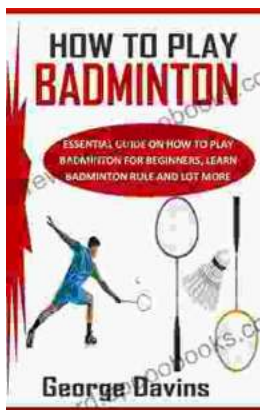
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