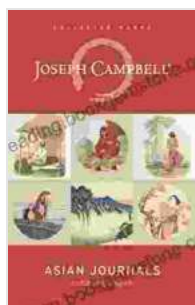


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Campbell examines the similarities between Indian and Western mythology, tracing the parallels between the Vedic gods and the Greek Olympians, and between the Hindu concept of reincarnation and the Western idea of the soul's transmigration. He also highlights the influence of Indian philosophy on Western thinkers, from Schopenhauer and Nietzsche to Jung and Huxley.

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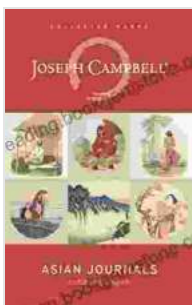
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Through his examination of the myths, rituals, and philosophies of these two ancient civilizations, Campbell reveals the deeply interconnected nature of human cultures and the universal themes that bind us together as a species.



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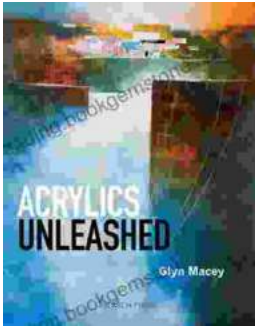
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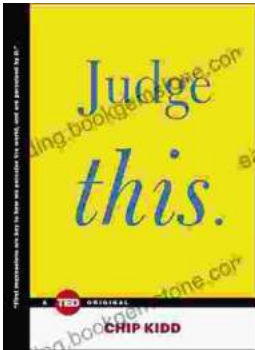
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