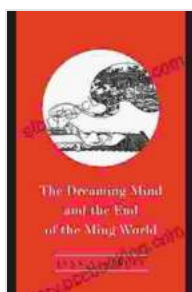


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In his groundbreaking book, "The Dreaming Mind And The End Of The Ming World," renowned historian Jonathan D. Spence delves into this fascinating realm, exploring the intimate relationship between the dreams of the Ming people and the tumultuous events that ultimately led to the dynasty's demise.



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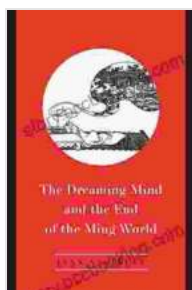
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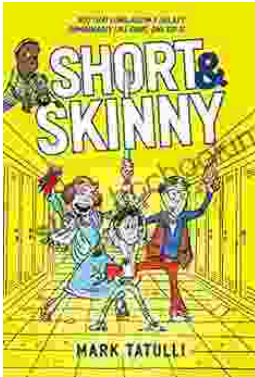
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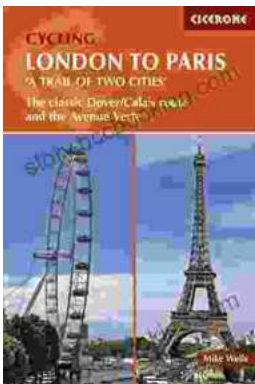
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