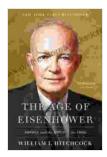
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- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Vietnam War (1954-1975)
- Civil Rights Movement (1954-1968)
- McCarthy hearings (1954-1956)
- Launch of Sputnik (1957)
- Election of John F. Kennedy (1960)

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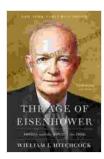
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- Cold War paranoia
- Rise of the baby boom generation
- Growth of the suburbs

Increasing popularity of television

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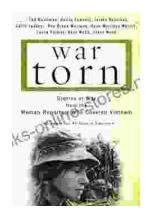
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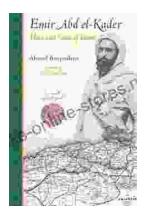
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