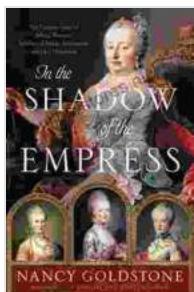


# In The Shadow of the Empress: A Riveting Historical Novel That Will Transport You to the Forbidden City



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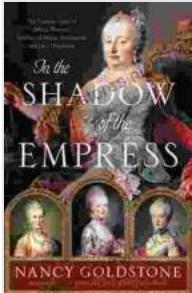
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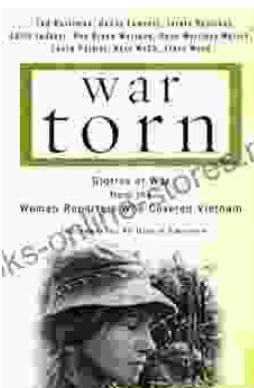


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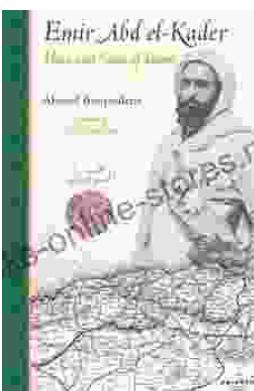
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