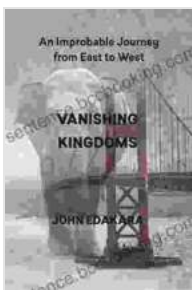


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Liu's journey begins in the early 1980s, when he is accepted into a prestigious university in Beijing. He is immediately struck by the contrast between his rural village and the bustling metropolis. Beijing is a place of opportunity and excitement, but it is also a place of great inequality and social change.



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But despite the challenges, Liu gradually begins to adapt to his new life. He learns to speak English fluently, he makes friends from all over the world, and he starts to understand the American way of life. He also begins to write about his experiences, and he eventually becomes a successful writer.

In 1993, Liu returns to China. He is now a famous writer, but he is also a changed man. He has seen the world, and he has learned that there is more than one way to live. He is no longer the naive young man who left his village all those years ago. He is now a wise and compassionate man who is committed to using his writing to promote understanding and cultural exchange.

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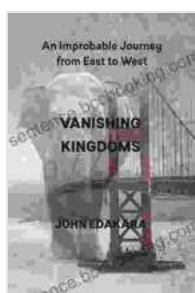
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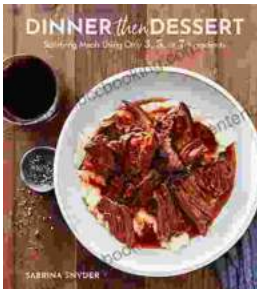
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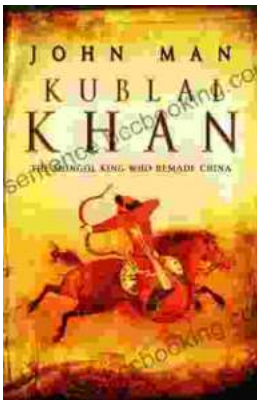
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