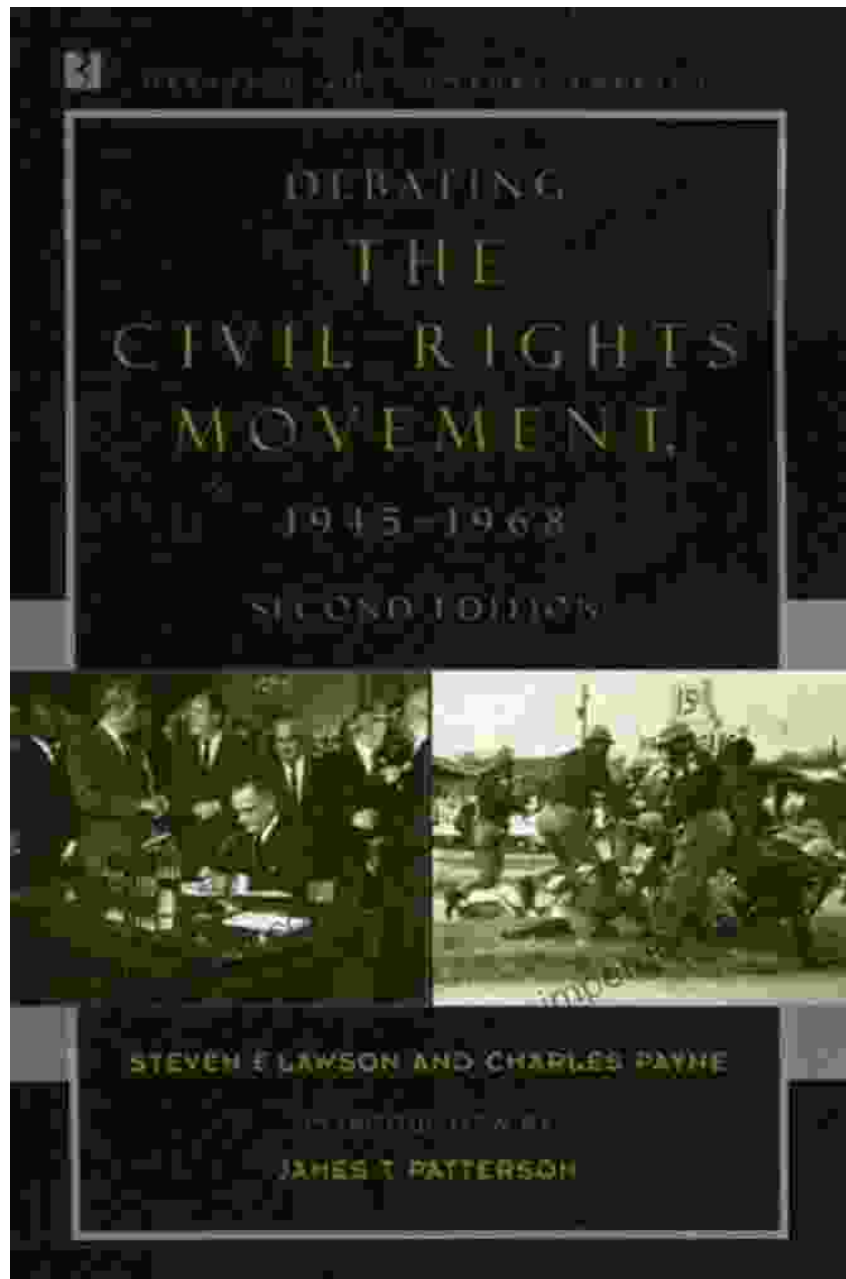


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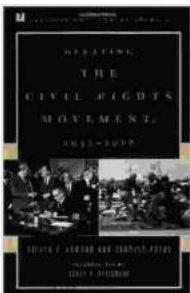


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Chapter 1: The Post-War Landscape and the Roots of the Movement

World War II served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement, exposing the glaring contradictions between America's democratic ideals and its persistent racial inequality. The chapter examines the post-war economic boom, the rise of the Black middle class, and the growing desire for social change among African Americans. It also explores the resurgence of white supremacy and the backlash against the movement's early gains.



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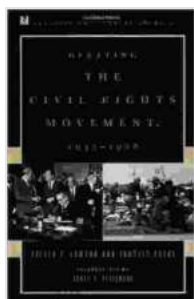
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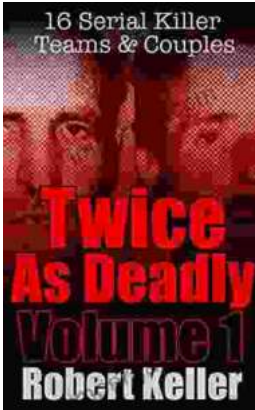
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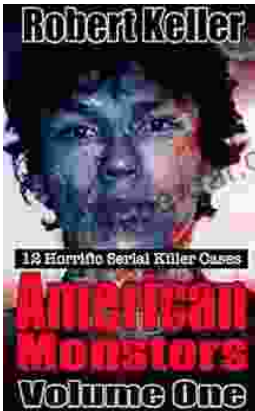
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