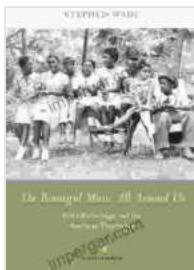


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Unveiling the Hidden Tapestry of American Music

In the vast tapestry of American music, field recordings stand as a precious thread, connecting us to the forgotten corners of our heritage and revealing the untold stories of our people. This captivating book, "Field Recordings and the American Experience: Music in American Life," invites readers on an extraordinary journey through the archives of field recordings, uncovering the origins of our most cherished musical traditions.



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Field recordings preserve the voices and traditions of marginalized communities.

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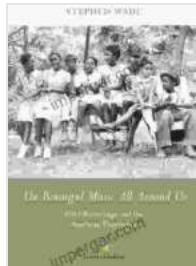
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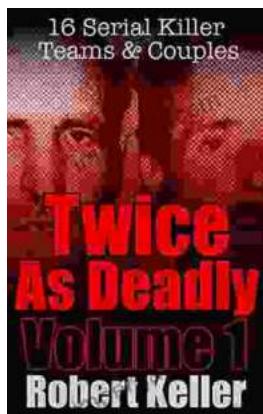
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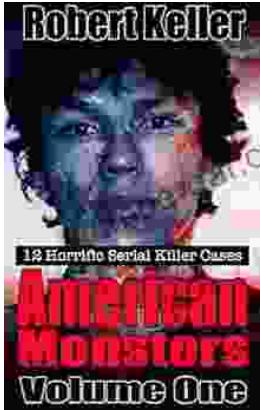
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