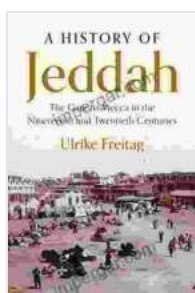


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Image 1: Pilgrims on camelback, traversing the vast desert during the 19th century.

Image 2: The bustling courtyard of the Grand Mosque in Mecca, filled with pilgrims performing the Tawaf (circumambulation) ritual.

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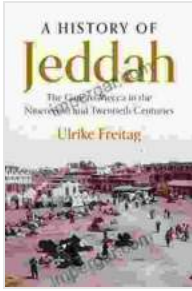
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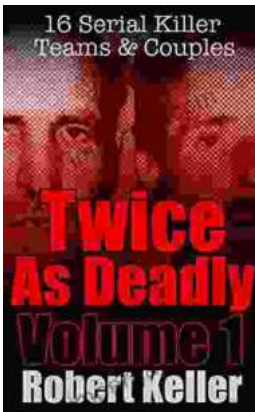
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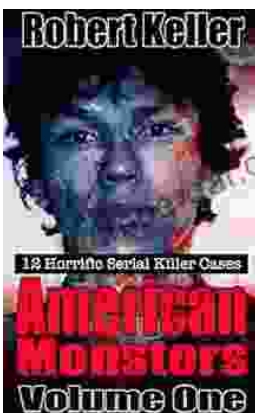


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