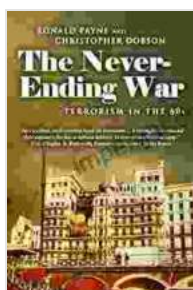# The Never-Ending War: Terrorism in the 1980s

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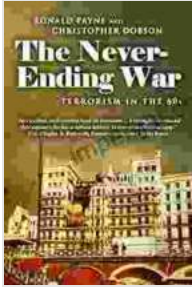
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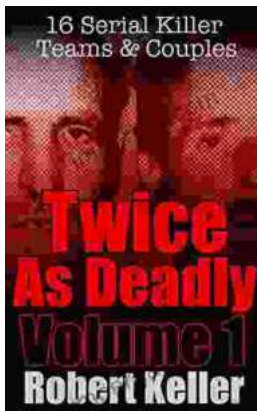**The Never-Ending War: Terrorism in the 80s** by Ronald Payne

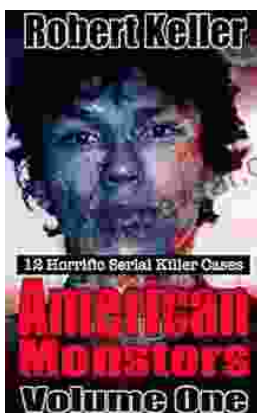★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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