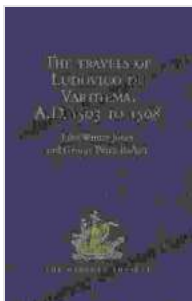


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"The Travels of Ludovico de Varthema" stands as a literary masterpiece, not only for its historical significance but also for its captivating prose. Varthema writes with a keen eye for detail, capturing the sights, sounds, and scents of the lands he explores. His narrative is filled with vivid descriptions and astute observations, providing an immersive experience for readers.

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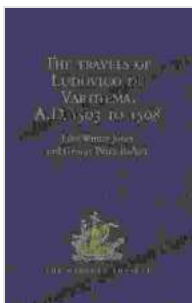
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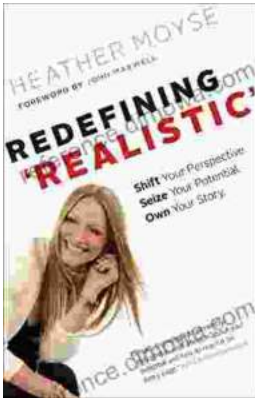
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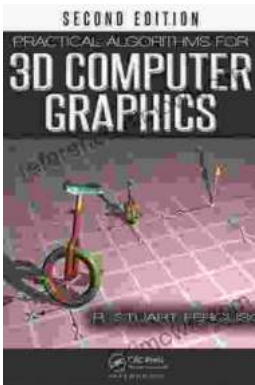
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