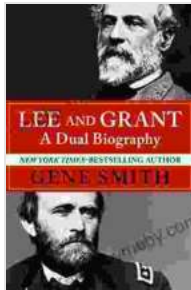


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Lee led the Confederate Army to a series of early victories, but Grant's Union forces gradually gained the upper hand. The turning point came in the bloody Battle of Gettysburg, where Grant's forces inflicted a crushing defeat on Lee's army.

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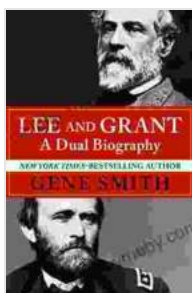
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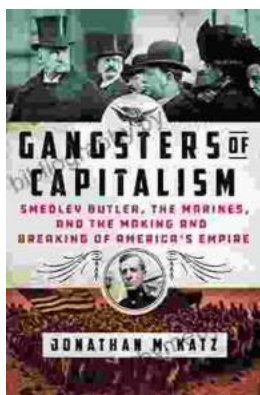
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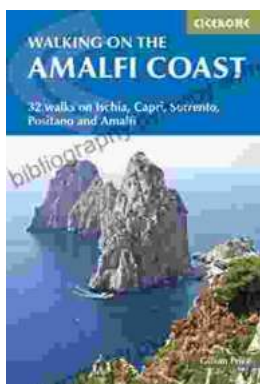
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