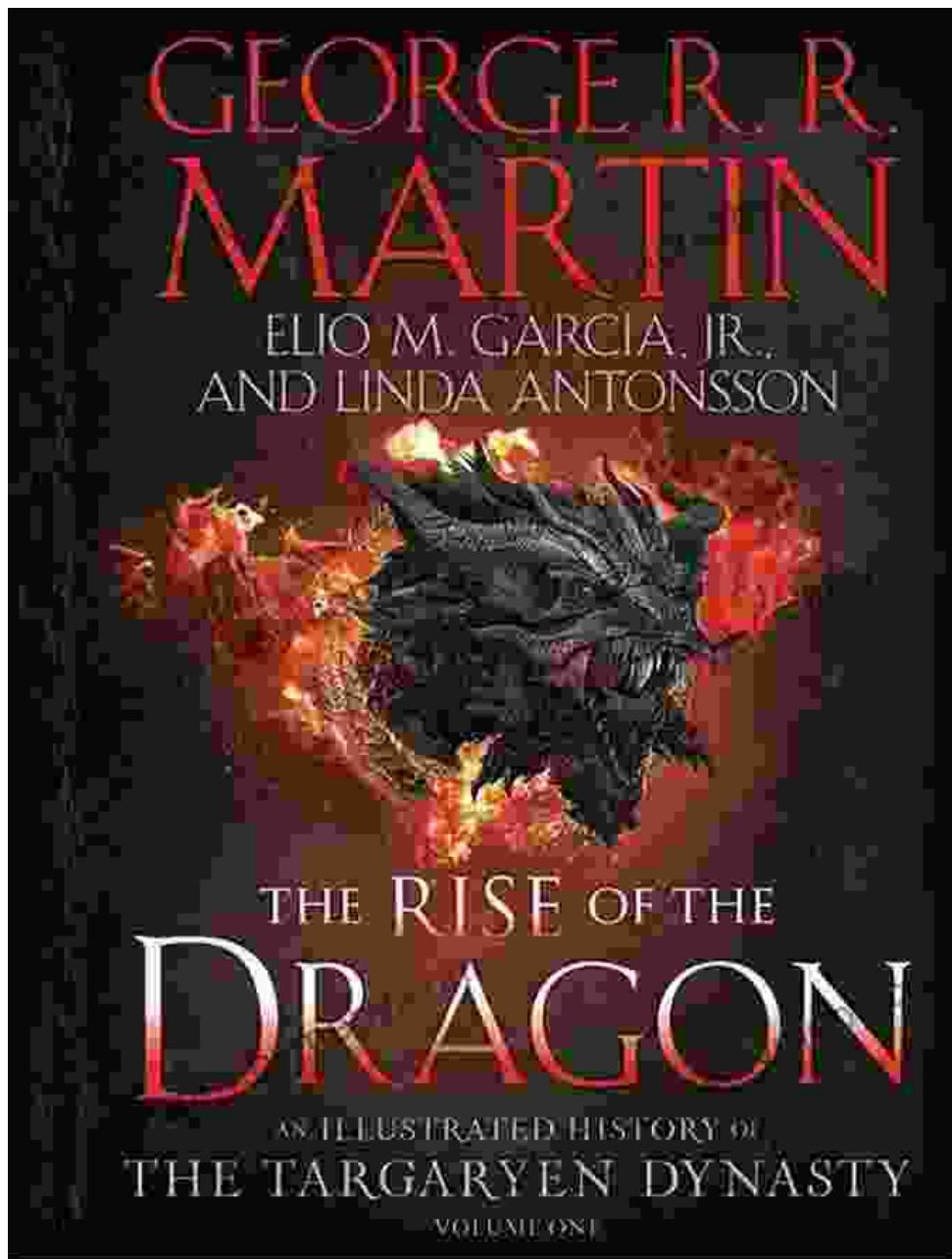
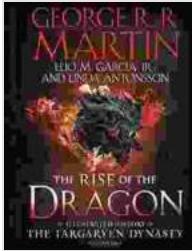


# The Rise of the Dragon: Fire and Blood Ignite the Realm of Westeros



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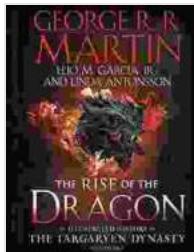
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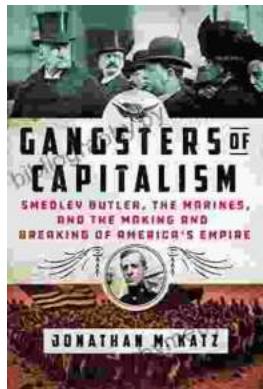
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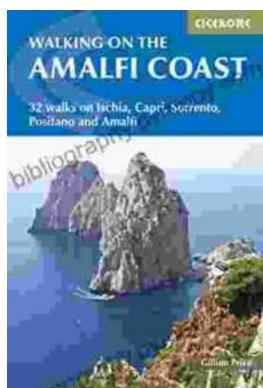
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