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by Charles W. Eliot

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The Shelf of Fiction is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn about literature, history, or the human condition. It is a collection of great works that can entertain, educate, and inspire readers.

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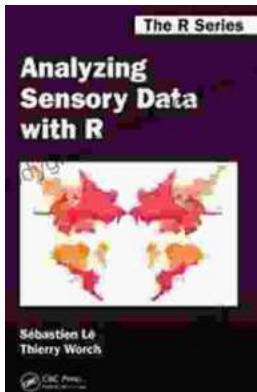
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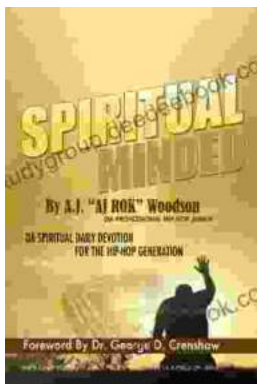
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