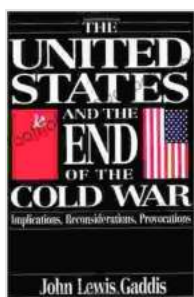


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Assessing the Enduring Impact

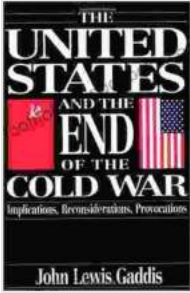
Gaddis concludes the book by assessing the enduring impact of the Cold War's end. He examines the geopolitical shifts, the emergence of new global powers, and the challenges and opportunities that the post-Cold War world presented.

The book serves as a valuable resource for scholars, historians, and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of this pivotal era. Its lucid prose, meticulous research, and insightful analysis make it an essential read for those interested in international relations, diplomacy, and the shaping of the modern world.

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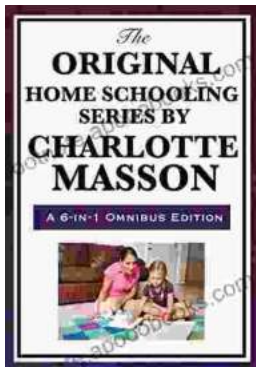
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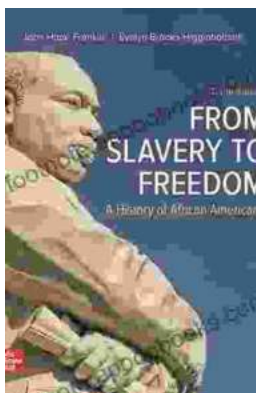
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