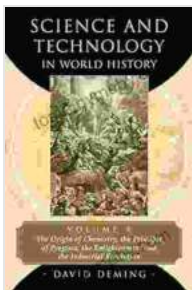


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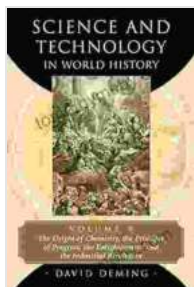
As we navigate the uncharted waters of the 21st century, science and technology continue to shape our world in profound ways. Artificial

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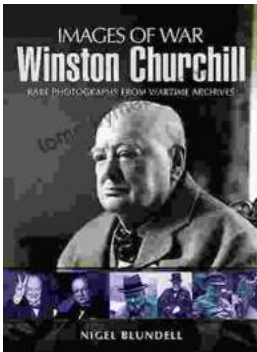
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