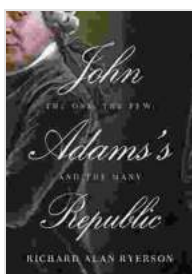


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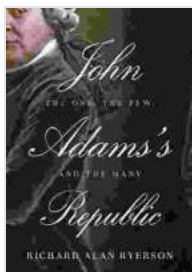
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Finally, Ryerson examines Adams's ideas about the importance of a balanced constitution. Adams believed that the best way to protect the rights of citizens and prevent the concentration of power was to create a constitution that balanced the different branches of government. He argued that the executive, legislative, and judicial branches should each have their own powers and responsibilities, and that they should be able to check and balance each other. In this way, Adams believed, the constitution would be able to protect the rights of citizens and prevent any one branch of government from becoming too powerful.

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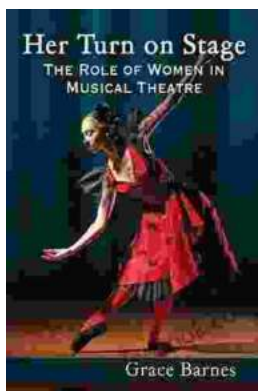
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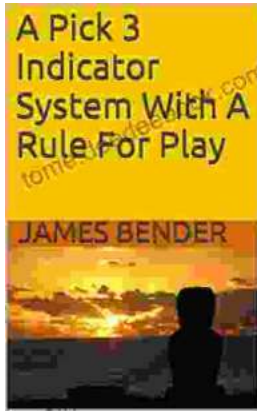
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