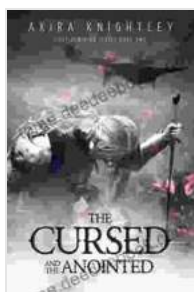


# The Cursed and the Anointed: A History of the Papacy

By Edward Peters

The Cursed and the Anointed is a 2011 book by American historian Edward Peters. The book provides a history of the papacy from its origins to the present day. Peters argues that the papacy has been a force for both good and evil throughout history, and that it has played a significant role in shaping the course of Western civilization.



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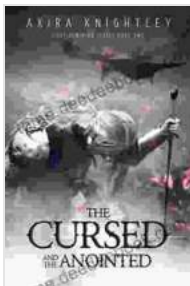
this period, the papacy has been a force for good, and that it has played a major role in the promotion of peace and social justice.

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The Cursed and the Anointed is a well-written and informative history of the papacy. Peters provides a balanced and nuanced account of the papacy's history, and he does not shy away from discussing the papacy's dark side. The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the papacy or the history of Christianity.

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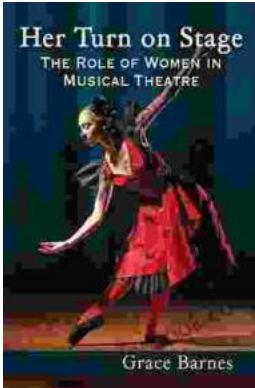
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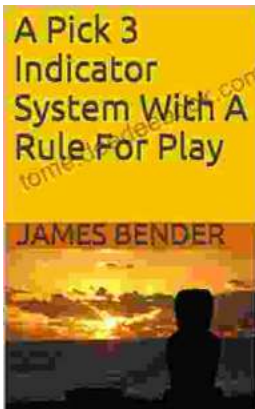
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