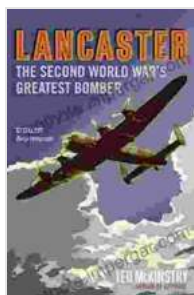


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- **Range:** 2,500 miles
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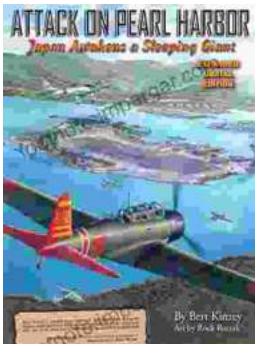


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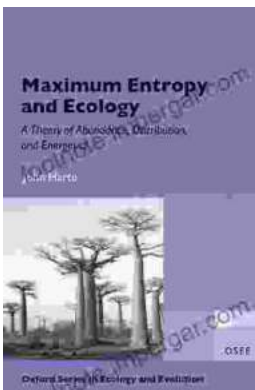
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