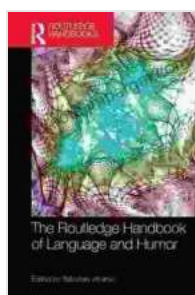


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Humor, a ubiquitous human experience, has long captivated researchers from various disciplines. At the heart of humor lies language, a powerful tool that shapes our perceptions, thoughts, and interactions. The Routledge Handbook of Language and Humor serves as a comprehensive guide, delving into the intricate relationship between language and laughter.

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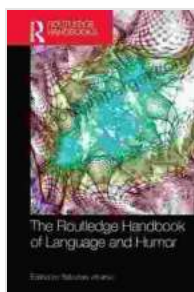
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