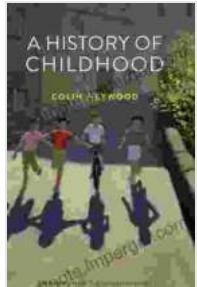


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The Victorian era brought further scrutiny to the nature of childhood.

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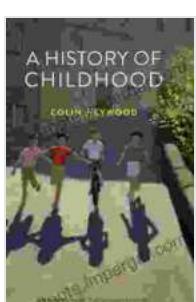


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"History of Childhood" by Colin Heywood is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand the profound transformations that have shaped the experience of childhood. Heywood's meticulous research, engaging narrative, and nuanced analysis make this book an essential read for historians, sociologists, educators, parents, and anyone interested in the enigmatic world of children.



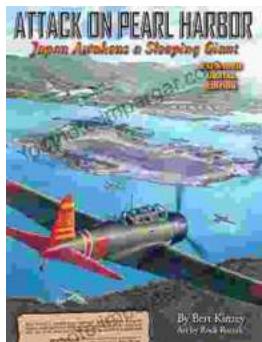
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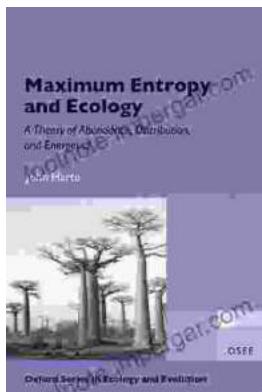
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