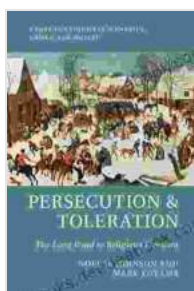


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The book begins by examining the ancient world, where religion was often seen as a matter of public policy. In ancient Greece, for example, the state was responsible for enforcing religious orthodoxy, and dissenters were often persecuted. In the Roman Empire, the state initially tolerated religious diversity, but it eventually began to persecute Christians and other religious minorities.

The rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire marked a turning point in the history of religious freedom. Christians were often persecuted by the Roman authorities, but they eventually gained a measure of toleration under the emperor Constantine. In the centuries that followed, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, and religious freedom was largely suppressed.

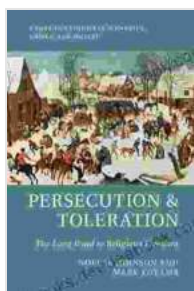
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The Long Road to Religious Freedom is a fascinating and informative account of the historical development of religious freedom. The book provides a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of religion, law, or philosophy.

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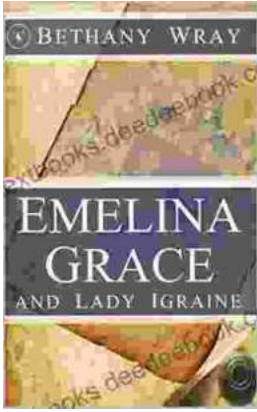
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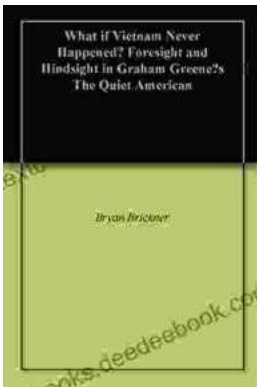
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