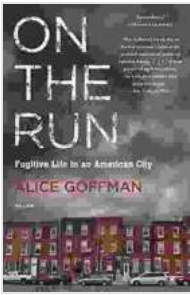


Fugitive Life in an American City: An Extraordinary Journey through a System of Punishment and Exclusion

In the United States, there are over 100,000 people living as fugitives from the criminal justice system. These individuals have been accused of crimes ranging from minor offenses to violent felonies, and they have chosen to flee rather than face arrest and imprisonment. For many of these fugitives, life on the run is a desperate and lonely existence, marked by constant fear of discovery and the relentless pursuit of law enforcement. In his new book, *Fugitive Life in an American City*, sociologist David Brotherton offers a rare glimpse into this hidden world, drawing on years of ethnographic research and interviews with dozens of fugitives to expose the harsh realities of life on the run.

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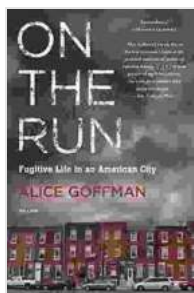
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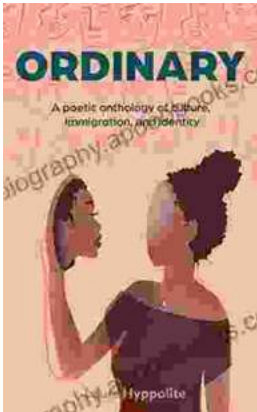
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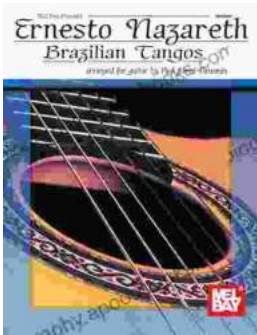
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