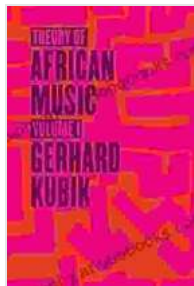


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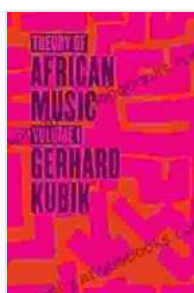
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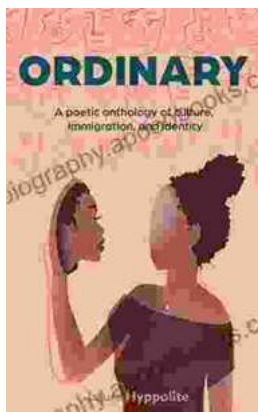
- "An indispensable resource for anyone interested in African music. Nketia's insights are profound, and his writing is both accessible and engaging." - Professor Kofi Agawu, Princeton University
- "A masterpiece that has shaped generations of musicians and scholars. Nketia's legacy as a pioneer in African music scholarship is undeniable." - Professor Jacqueline Cogdell DjeDje, Columbia University



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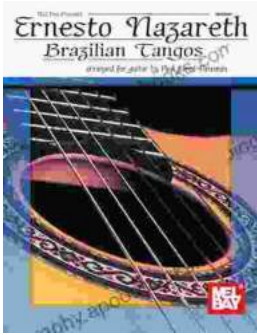
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