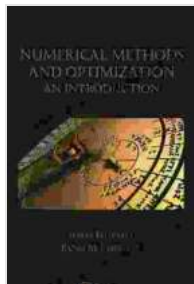# Numerical Methods and Optimization: The Essential Consumer Guide

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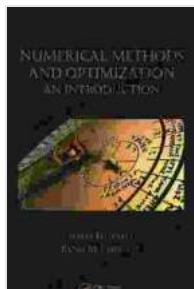
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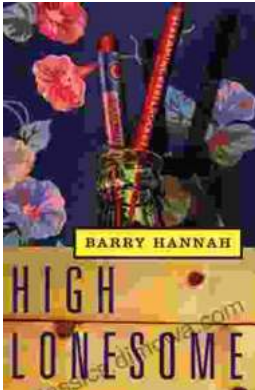
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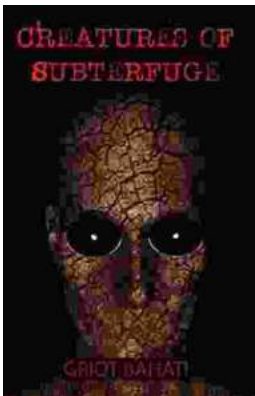|	
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