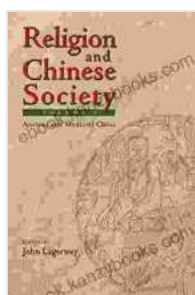


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The Terracotta Army, a silent testament to the power and glory of the Qin dynasty

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After the fall of the Han dynasty, China entered a period of political and social upheaval known as the Three Kingdoms period (220-280 AD).

Eventually, the Sui dynasty (581-618 AD) reunited the country and ushered in a new era of prosperity and cultural advancement.

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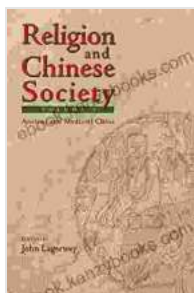


The Cultural Legacy of Ancient and Medieval China

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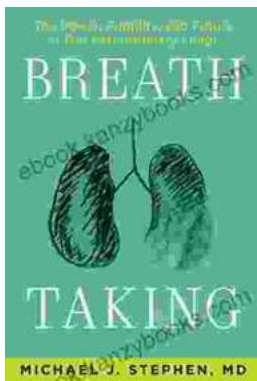
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