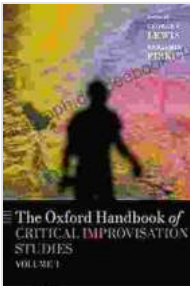


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Delving into the History of Improvisation

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The handbook also examines the rise of improvisation in the 19th and 20th centuries, as it became a central feature of modern art, music, and theater. This section of the handbook provides a detailed account of the key figures and movements that shaped the development of improvisation, including the Dadaists, the Surrealists, and the Fluxus movement.

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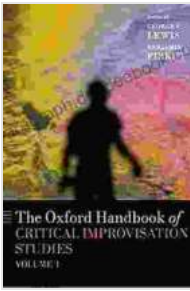
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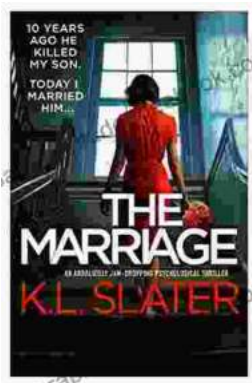
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