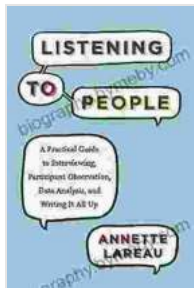# Practical Guide to Interviewing, Participant Observation, and Data Analysis for Writers

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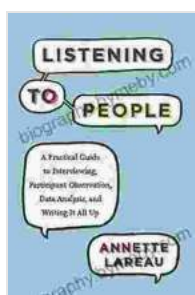
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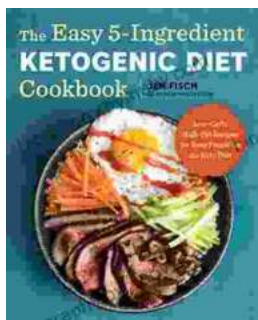Free Download Your Copy Today!

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