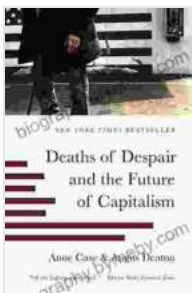


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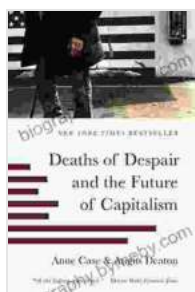


The authors believe that it is possible to create a capitalism that works for everyone, a system that fosters opportunity, dignity, and a sense of belonging. They call for a fundamental re-examination of our values, a shift away from materialistic pursuits towards a focus on human flourishing.

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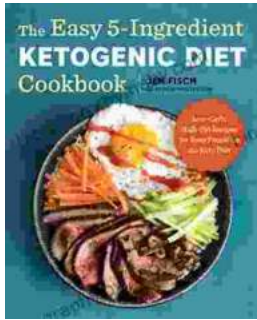
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