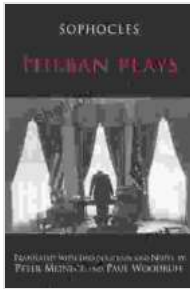


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In the heart of Ancient Greece, where gods and mortals intermingled, the playwright Sophocles crafted a body of work that continues to captivate and inspire audiences to this day. His Theban Plays, a trilogy of tragedies that centers around the ill-fated royal house of Thebes, stands as a testament to his unparalleled genius and the enduring power of Greek myth.

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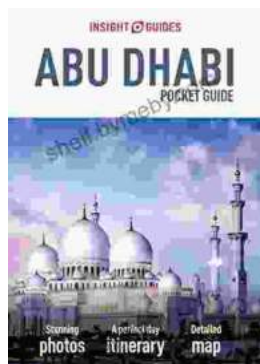
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