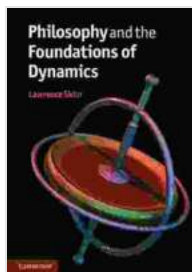


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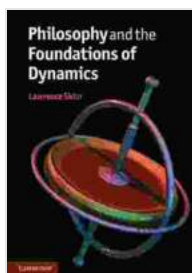
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accolades, including the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship. With "Philosophy and the Foundations of Dynamics," she brings her profound insights and engaging writing style to the forefront, offering a captivating exploration of the intricate relationship between philosophy and the study of motion.

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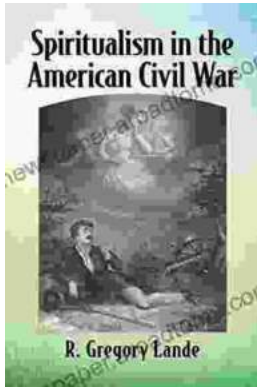
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