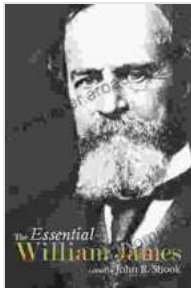


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William James, the renowned American philosopher and psychologist, left an enduring legacy that continues to shape our understanding of the human mind, the search for truth, and the nature of existence. In *The Essential William James*, editor John Shook presents a comprehensive collection of James's most significant works, offering readers a profound journey into the mind of one of the greatest thinkers of all time.

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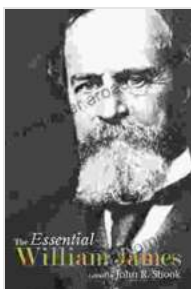
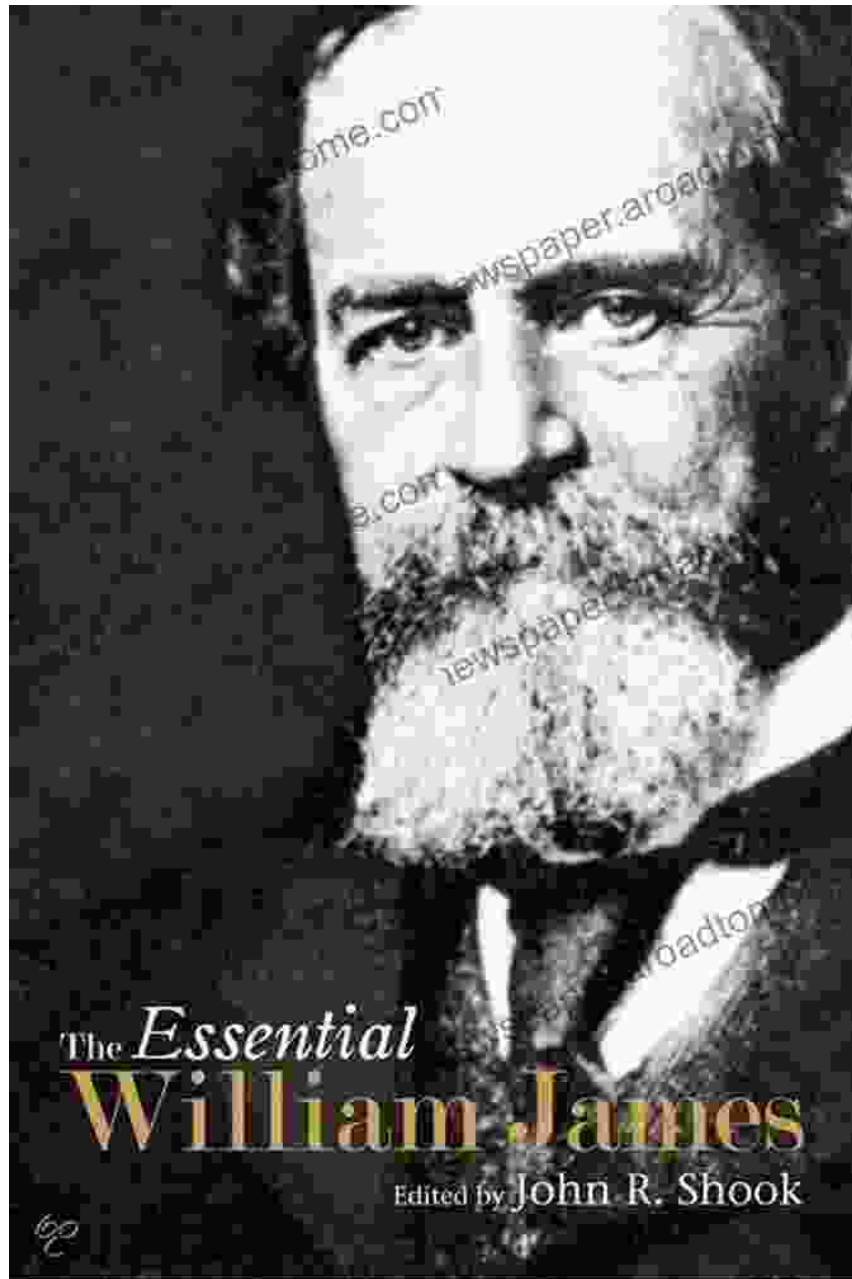
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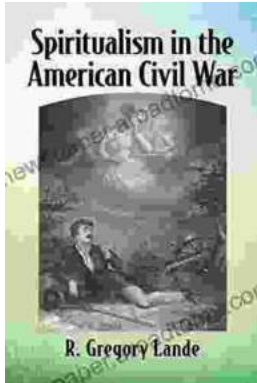
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