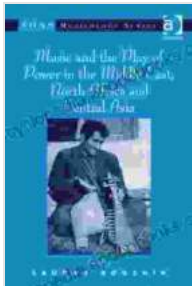


# Music and the Play of Power in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia



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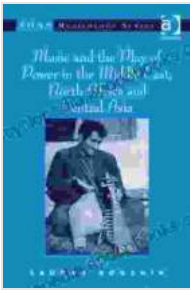
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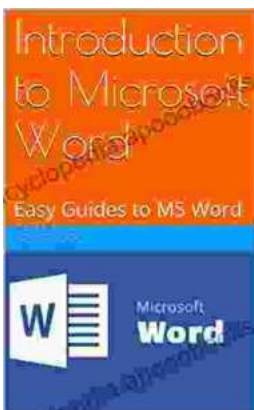
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