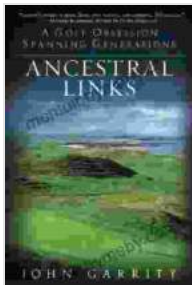


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In the annals of golf history, there are countless tales of passion, dedication, and triumph. But few stories can rival the epic saga of the McTavish family, whose obsession with the game has spanned generations.

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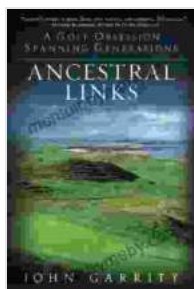
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