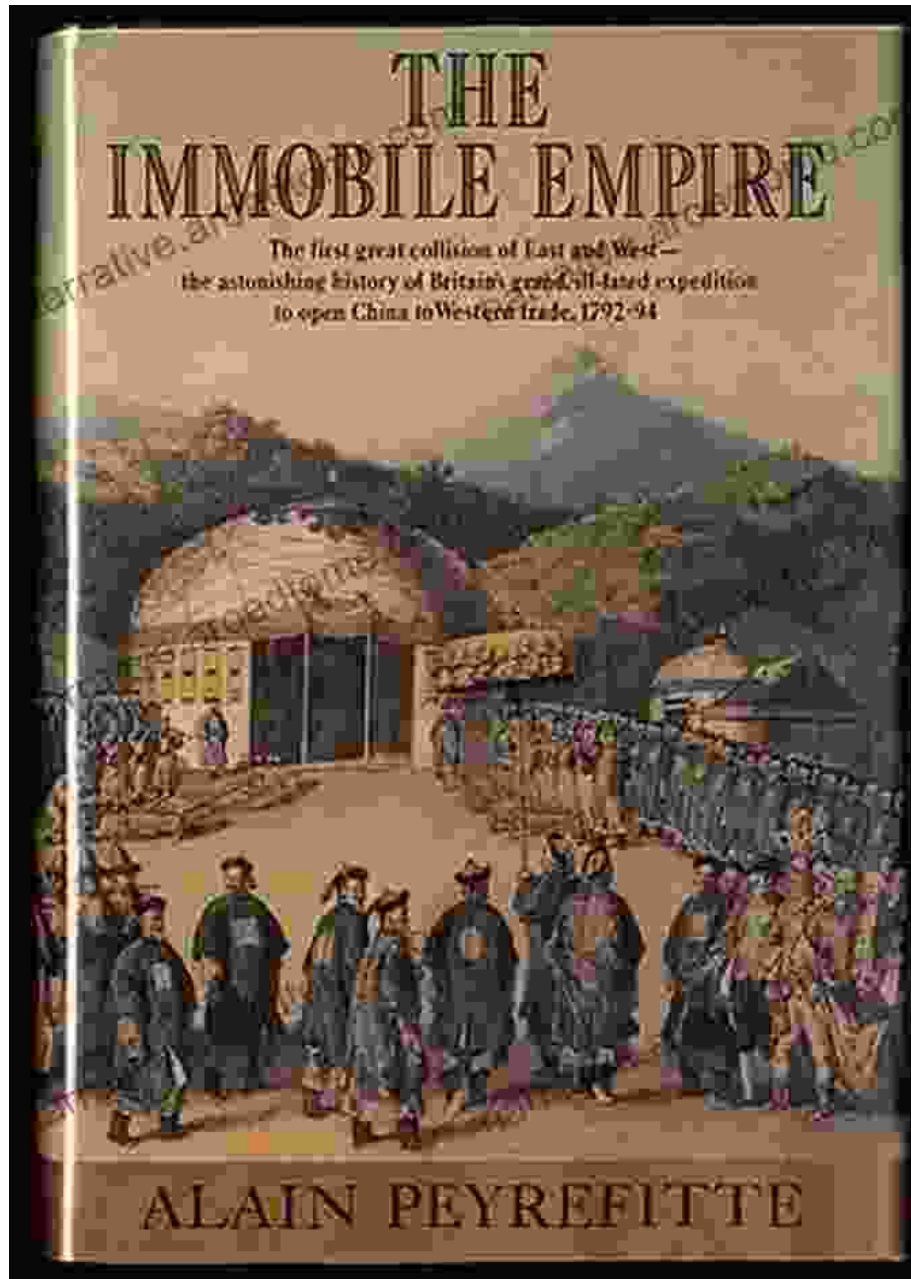
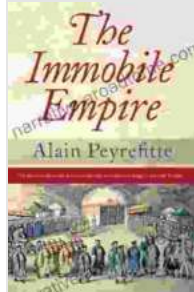


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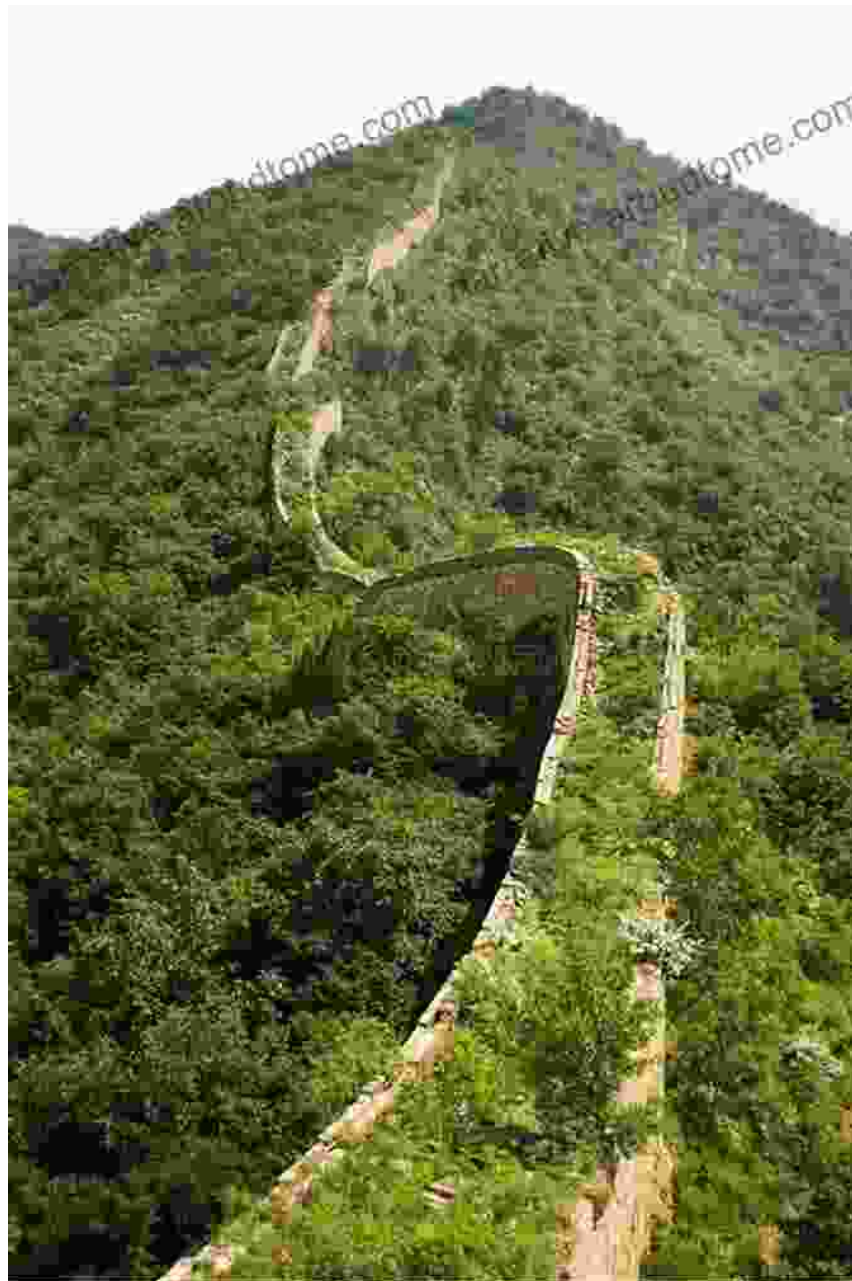
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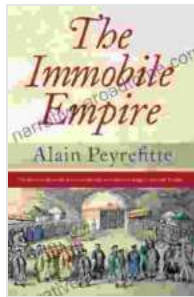
In the concluding chapter, Peyrefitte examines the economic reforms initiated by Deng Xiaoping, which marked a significant shift in China's development strategy. The author analyzes the challenges and successes of these reforms, highlighting their profound impact on China's rise to economic prominence.



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