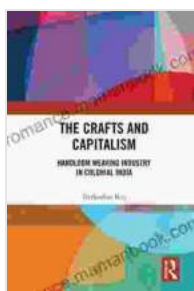


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In the post-colonial period, the Indian government has taken steps to revive the handloom weaving industry. These steps include providing financial assistance to weavers, promoting the use of handloom products, and encouraging the development of new designs.

As a result of these efforts, the handloom weaving industry has begun to revive. However, the industry still faces a number of challenges, including the competition from power looms, the lack of access to finance, and the lack of skilled weavers.

Despite these challenges, the handloom weaving industry continues to play an important role in the Indian economy. It provides employment for millions of people, and it helps to preserve India's rich textile heritage.

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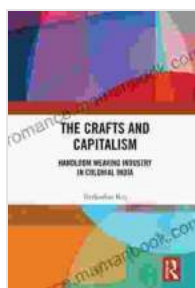
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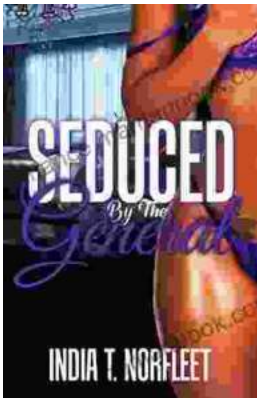
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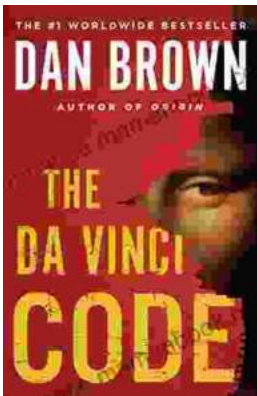
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