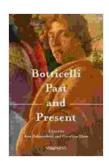
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#### **About the Author**

Bruce Kennett is a professor of art history at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books on Italian Renaissance art, including *The Pope's Painter: The Life and Art of Raphael* and *The Medici and the Arts*.

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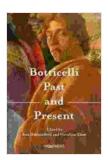
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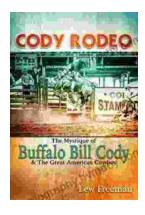
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