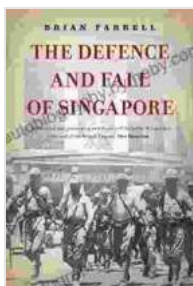


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The Strategic Context

Singapore was a key strategic outpost for the British Empire in the Far East. It commanded the vital sea routes between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, and was seen as a linchpin in the defence of the British Empire's Asian possessions. However, the British had failed to adequately prepare Singapore for war. They had underestimated the threat posed by Japan, and had not invested in the necessary defences to protect the island.

The Japanese Invasion

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The Aftermath

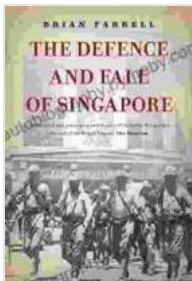
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The Legacy

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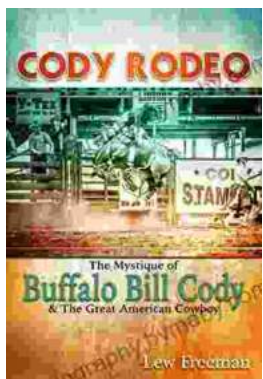
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