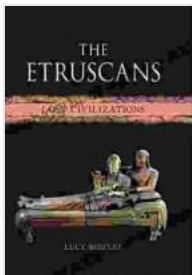


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The origins of the Etruscans remain shrouded in mystery. Couturier explores various theories, including the possibility of their arrival from Anatolia or their indigenous roots in Italy. He traces their expansion throughout Etruria, a region encompassing present-day Tuscany, Lazio, and Umbria, where they established powerful city-states.

Chapter 2: Etruscan Society and Culture

Etruscan society was highly stratified, with a ruling elite of landed aristocrats. Couturier delves into their sophisticated system of government, religious beliefs, and social customs. He sheds light on their vibrant urban centers, where commerce and craftsmanship flourished.

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The Etruscans were renowned for their exceptional artistry. Couturier showcases their exquisite jewelry, intricate pottery, and monumental tombs adorned with stunning frescoes and sculptures.

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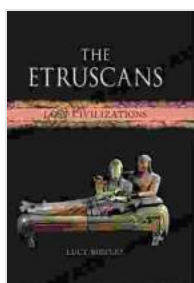
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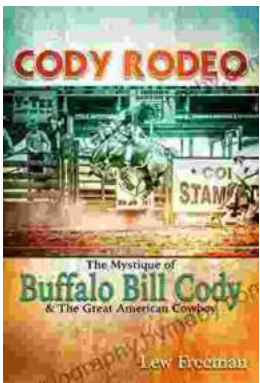
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