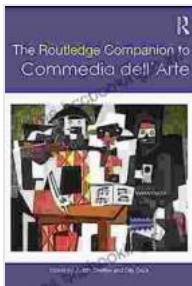


# The Routledge Companion to Commedia Dell'Arte: An In-Depth Exploration of an Influential Theatrical Form



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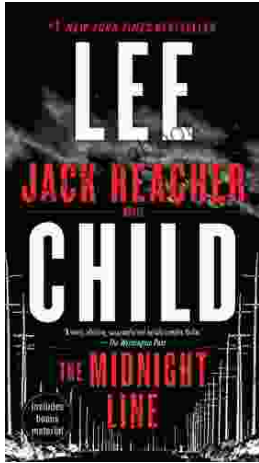


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