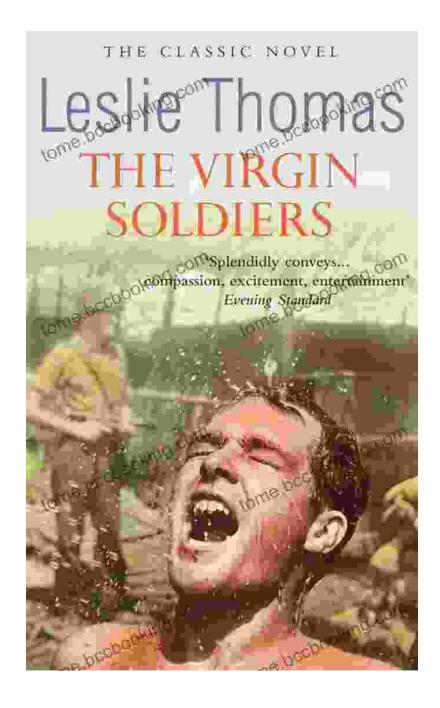
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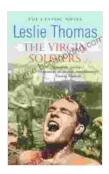
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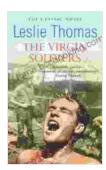
return to civilian life after the war. The novels explore the long-term effects of the war on the soldiers and their families.

#### **About the Author**

William Boyd is a Scottish novelist, short story writer, and screenwriter. He has written a number of acclaimed novels, including A Good Man in Africa (1981), The New Confessions (1987), Armadillo (1998), and Waiting for Sunrise (2012). Boyd has also written several screenplays, including the adaptations of his own novels A Good Man in Africa and Stars and Bars. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Commander of the Free Download of the British Empire.

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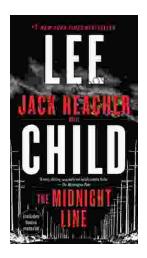


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