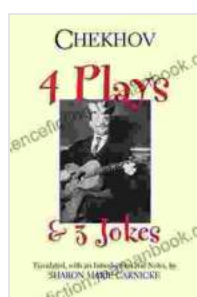


# **Four Plays and Three Jokes: A Literary Odyssey Through Hackett Classics**

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**Into the Heart of Tragedy: Hamlet, Prince of Denmark**



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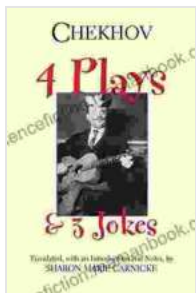
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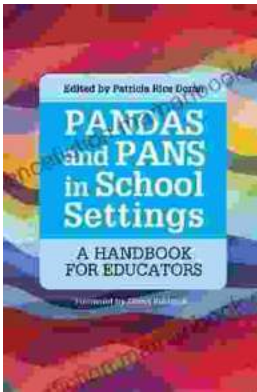
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