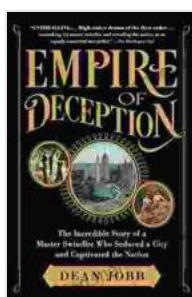


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In 1910, Lustig moved to the United States. He quickly rose through the ranks of the criminal underworld, and he soon became one of the most notorious con men in the country.

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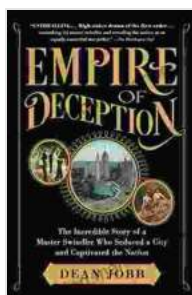
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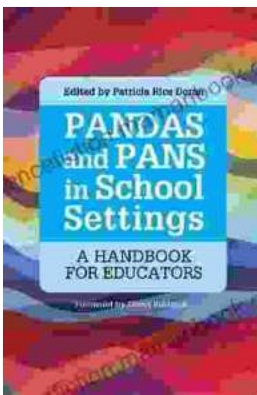
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