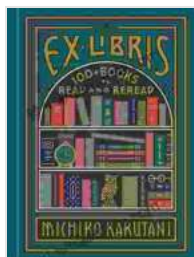


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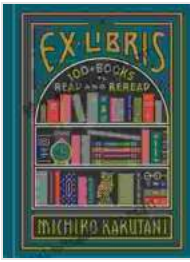
The title of the collection, *100 Books to Read and Reread*, underscores the transformative value of rereading. It is through revisiting these literary treasures that we gain a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world around us. With each subsequent reading, new layers of meaning emerge, enriching our perspectives and deepening our appreciation for the artistry of language.

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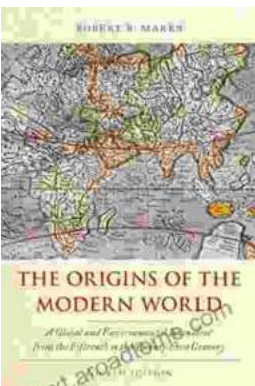
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