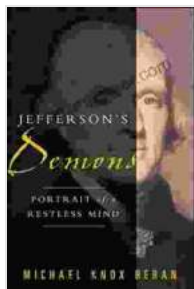


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Brodie explores Jefferson's lifelong battle with 抑郁症, a condition that often left him withdrawn, irritable, and unable to concentrate. She also examines his complex relationships with women, including his controversial affair with Sally Hemings, an enslaved woman at Monticello. Brodie argues that Jefferson's deep-seated guilt and shame over his ownership of slaves and his illicit affair contributed to his inner turmoil and shaped his views on race and equality.

Furthermore, Brodie sheds light on Jefferson's remarkable intellect and insatiable curiosity that drove him to pursue a wide range of interests, from architecture and gardening to philosophy and science. However, she also reveals the darker side of Jefferson's intellectual intensity, which sometimes manifested as arrogance and a tendency to dismiss opposing viewpoints.

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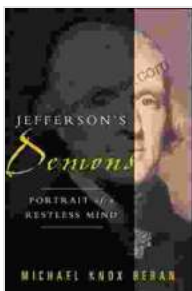
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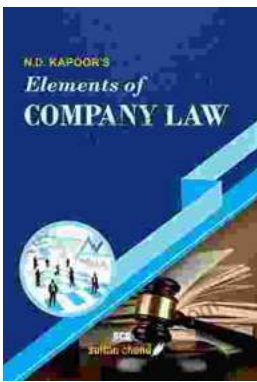
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