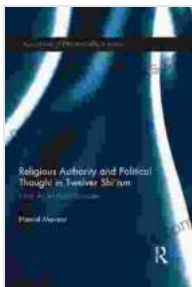


# From Ali to Post-Khomeini: Unraveling the Complexities of Iranian Politics

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Khomeini's vision for a theocratic state has had a lasting impact on Iranian politics.

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### **About the Authors**

The book is written by a team of leading experts in Iranian politics. The authors have dedicated their careers to studying and analyzing the complex dynamics of this region. Their combined expertise ensures that "From Ali to Post-Khomeini" offers a comprehensive and authoritative account of Iranian politics from its historical roots to its present-day challenges.

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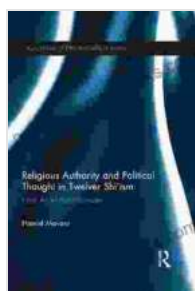
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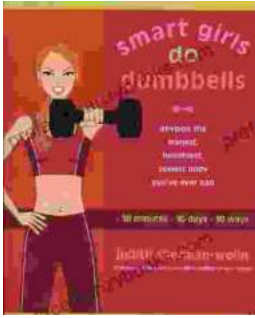


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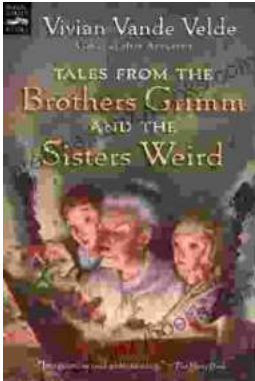
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