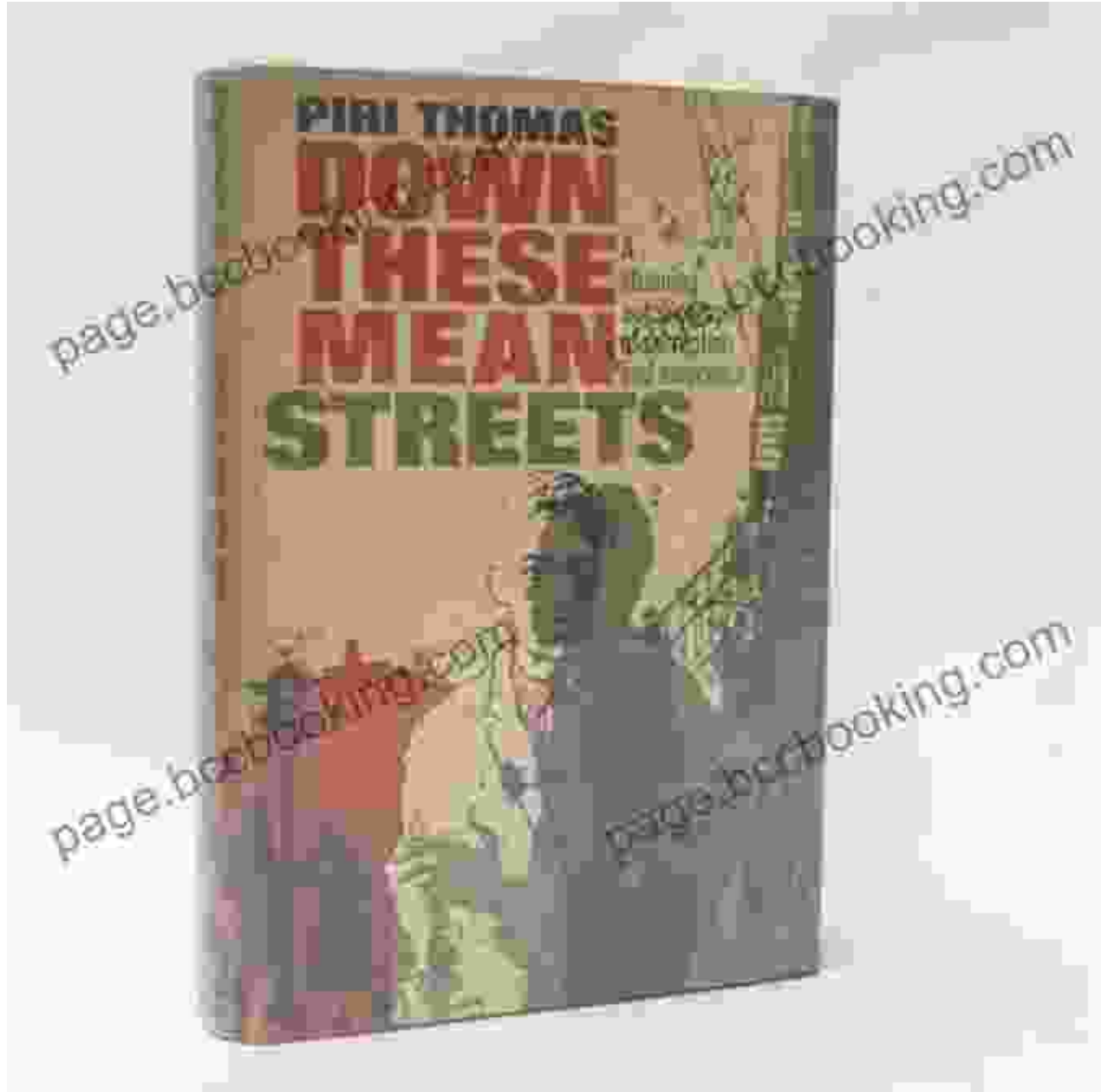


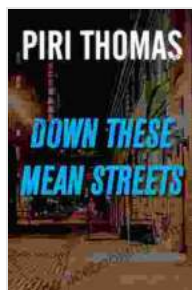
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Thomas was born in Puerto Rico in 1928, and his family moved to New York City when he was a young child. They settled in Spanish Harlem, a poor and dangerous neighborhood. Thomas's father was an alcoholic, and his mother worked long hours to support the family. Thomas and his siblings often had to fend for themselves, and they were exposed to violence and crime from a young age.



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Thomas began using drugs and alcohol as a teenager, and he soon became addicted. He spent several years in and out of prison, and he struggled to stay clean. However, he eventually got his life together, and he became a successful writer and activist. *Down These Mean Streets* was published in 1967, and it has since become a classic of American literature.

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- "I learned to dream."

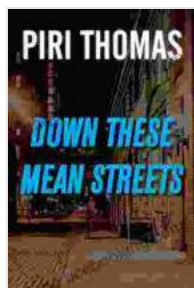
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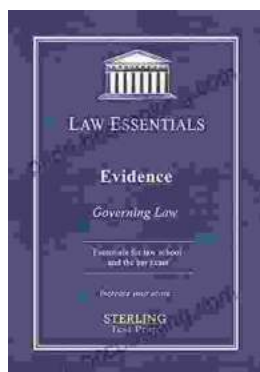
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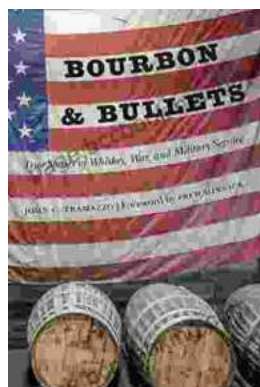
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