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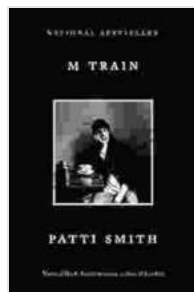
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Patti Smith is one of the most important and influential artists of our time. A singer, songwriter, poet, and visual artist, she has been a pioneer in the punk rock movement and has been credited with helping to shape the sound of alternative rock. Her work is often characterized by its raw emotionality, its exploration of gender and sexuality, and its commitment to social justice.

Train Patti Smith is a comprehensive guide to the life and work of this extraordinary artist. The book covers Smith's early life and influences, her rise to fame in the 1970s, and her continued success as an artist in the decades since. The book also includes an in-depth look at Smith's music, her poetry, and her visual art.

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Early Life and Influences

Patti Smith was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1946. Her father was a machinist and her mother was a waitress. Smith grew up in a working-class neighborhood and was exposed to a variety of musical genres, including jazz, blues, and rock 'n' roll. She began writing poetry at a young age and was influenced by the work of Beat poets such as Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac.

In 1967, Smith moved to New York City to pursue her artistic career. She quickly became involved in the city's burgeoning underground art scene and met a number of influential artists, including Robert Mapplethorpe, Andy Warhol, and Lou Reed. Smith also began performing her poetry at open mics and eventually formed a band, Patti Smith Group. The band's self-titled debut album was released in 1975 and was a critical and commercial success.

Rise to Fame

Patti Smith Group's second album, Horses, was released in 1976 and was an even greater success than their debut. The album featured the hit singles "Gloria" and "People Have the Power" and helped to establish Smith as one of the most important artists of the punk rock movement. Smith's music was often characterized by its raw emotionality and its exploration of gender and sexuality. She was also known for her powerful live performances, which often featured improvisational elements.

In the years that followed, Smith continued to release critically acclaimed albums and tour the world. She also published several books of poetry and prose. In 1996, she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
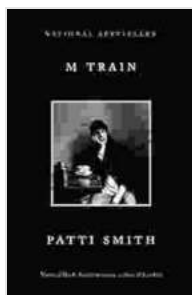
Continued Success

In the decades since her early success, Smith has continued to be a prolific artist. She has released a number of albums, books, and visual art projects. She has also remained an active social justice advocate and has spoken out on a variety of issues, including LGBTQ rights, environmental protection, and animal rights.

Smith is a true icon and her work has had a profound impact on generations of artists and fans. She is a pioneer in the punk rock movement and her music and poetry have been praised for their raw emotionality, their exploration of gender and sexuality, and their commitment to social justice.
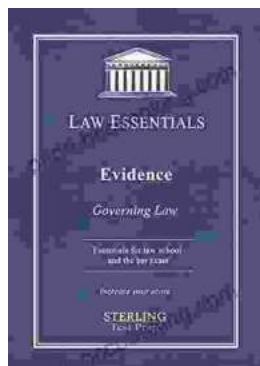
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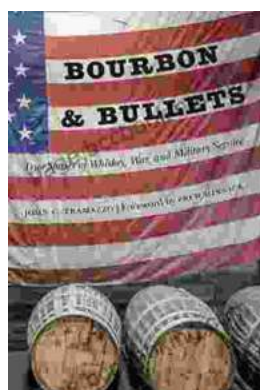
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