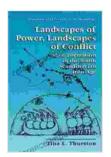
# Landscapes of Power, Landscapes of Conflict: Exploring the Geopolitical Realities of the Middle East

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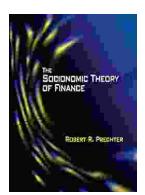
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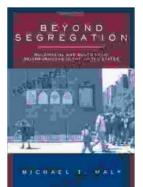
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