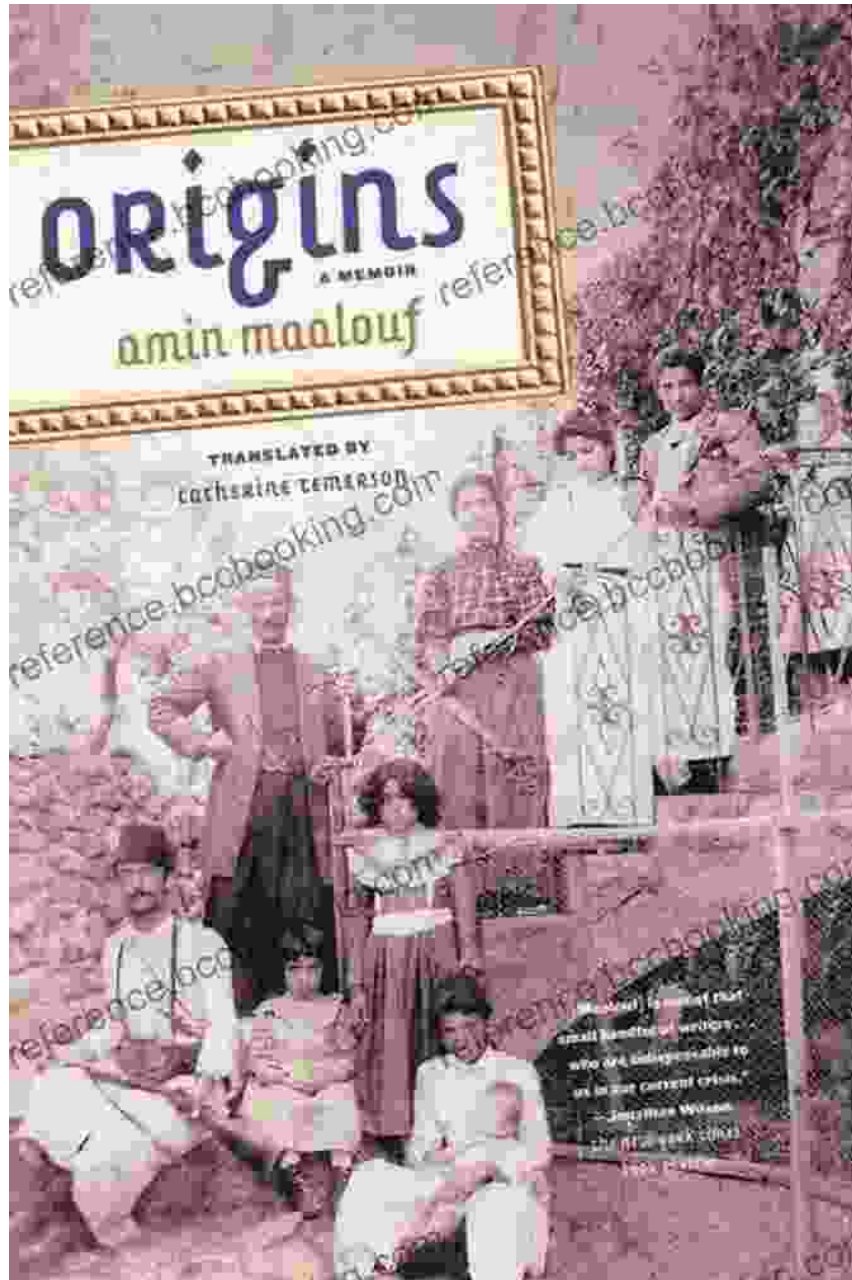


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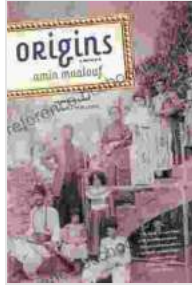
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Through a series of vivid vignettes and poignant reflections, Maalouf traces his family's roots back to the mountains of Lebanon and the bustling streets of Cairo. He paints a vivid portrait of his ancestors, from his grandfather who fought against French colonial rule to his mother who immigrated to Egypt in the wake of World War I.

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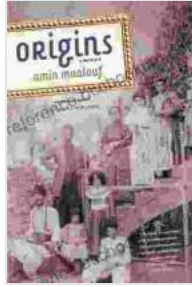
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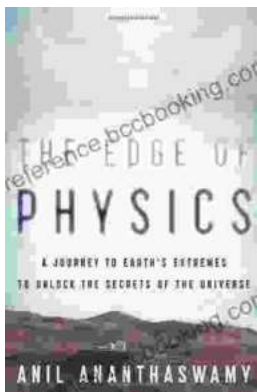
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