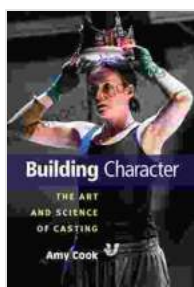# Unlock the Power of Character Casting: Building Character - The Art and Science

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- Analyze a script and identify the key roles

- Create a character breakdown

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- Use psychology to understand the character's motivations

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Case Studies and Examples

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- The casting of Marlon Brando in "The Godfather"

- The casting of Tom Hanks in "Forrest Gump"

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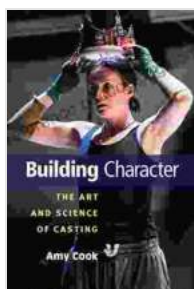
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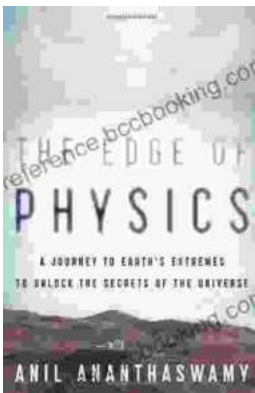|	
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