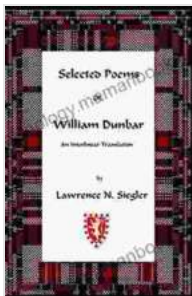


Selected Poems of William Dunbar: An Interlinear Translation - A Journey into the Heart of Medieval Scottish Verse

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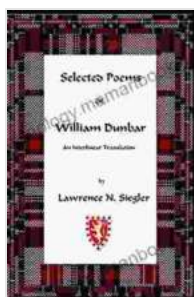
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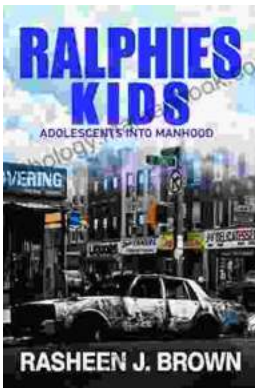
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