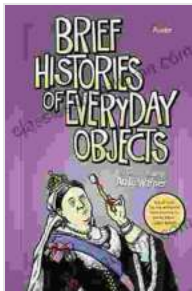


The Hidden Stories Behind the Objects We Use Every Day

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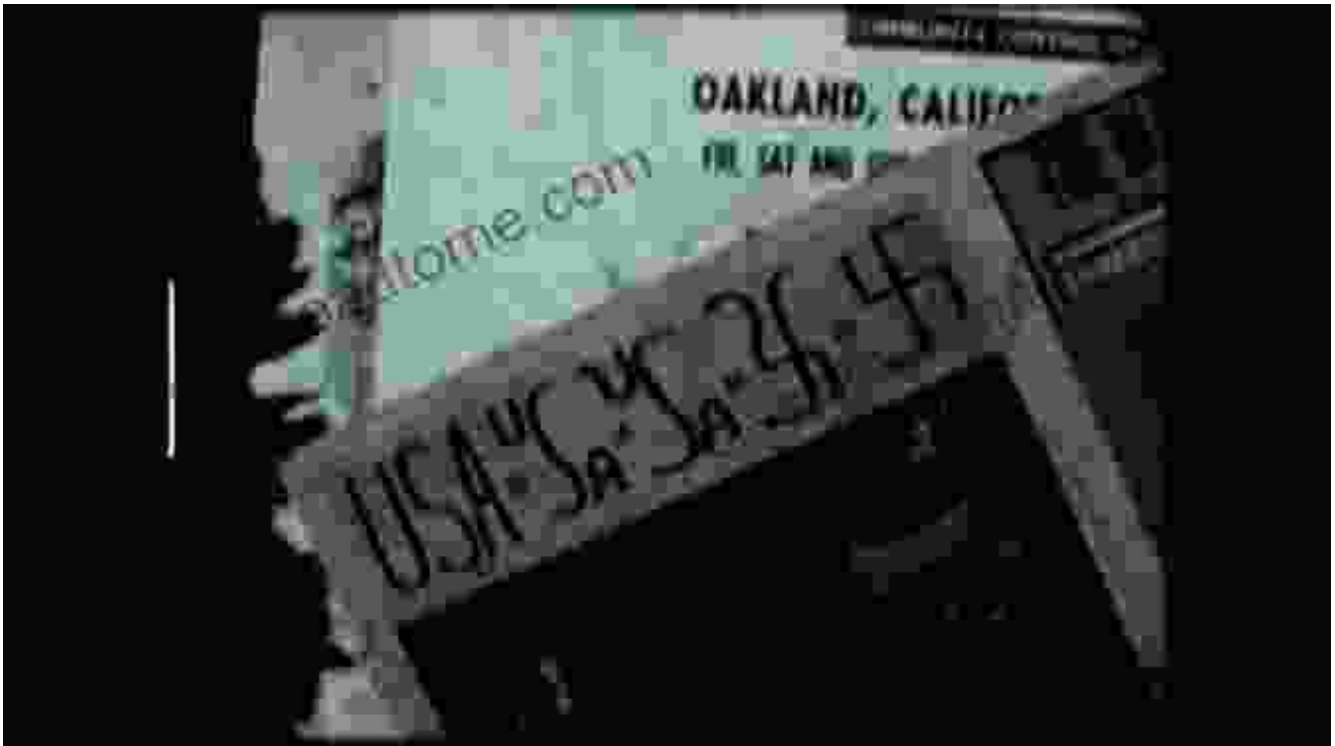


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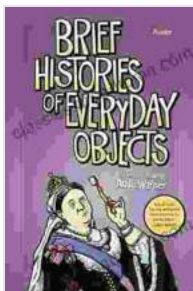
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Often taken for granted, the toilet has a fascinating history that reflects our changing attitudes towards sanitation and hygiene. From primitive outhouses to modern flush toilets, Bryson uncovers the evolution of this indispensable bathroom fixture. He explores the social and environmental implications of toilets and the innovations that have improved their efficiency and convenience.

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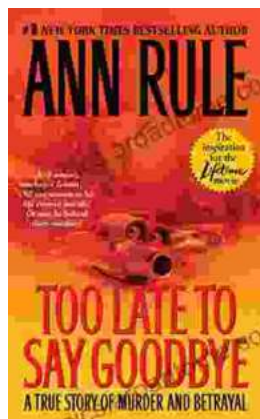
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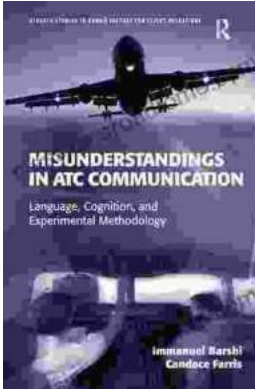
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