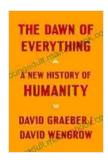
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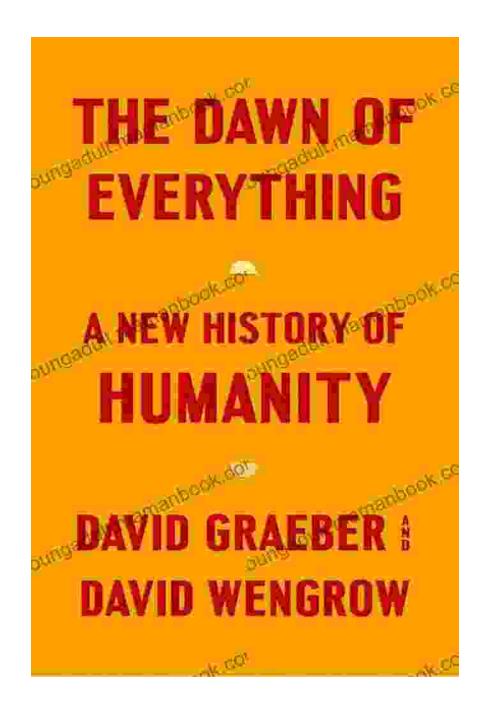
Here are some of the key themes of *The Dawn of Everything*:

- The myth of progress: Graeber and Wengrow argue that the idea of a single, linear progression from primitive hunter-gatherers to complex, state-based societies is a myth. They show that there is no evidence to support this view, and that human history is a much more complex and varied story.
- The importance of cooperation: Graeber and Wengrow emphasize the importance of cooperation in human evolution. They argue that humans are social creatures who have always relied on each other to survive and thrive. They show that cooperation is not only essential for our survival, but it is also one of the things that makes us human.
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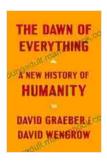
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