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Bix argues that Hirohito was not a mere figurehead, but an active participant in the decision-making process that led to the war. He shows that Hirohito was aware of the plans for the attack on Pearl Harbor and that he approved the use of biological weapons against Chinese civilians.

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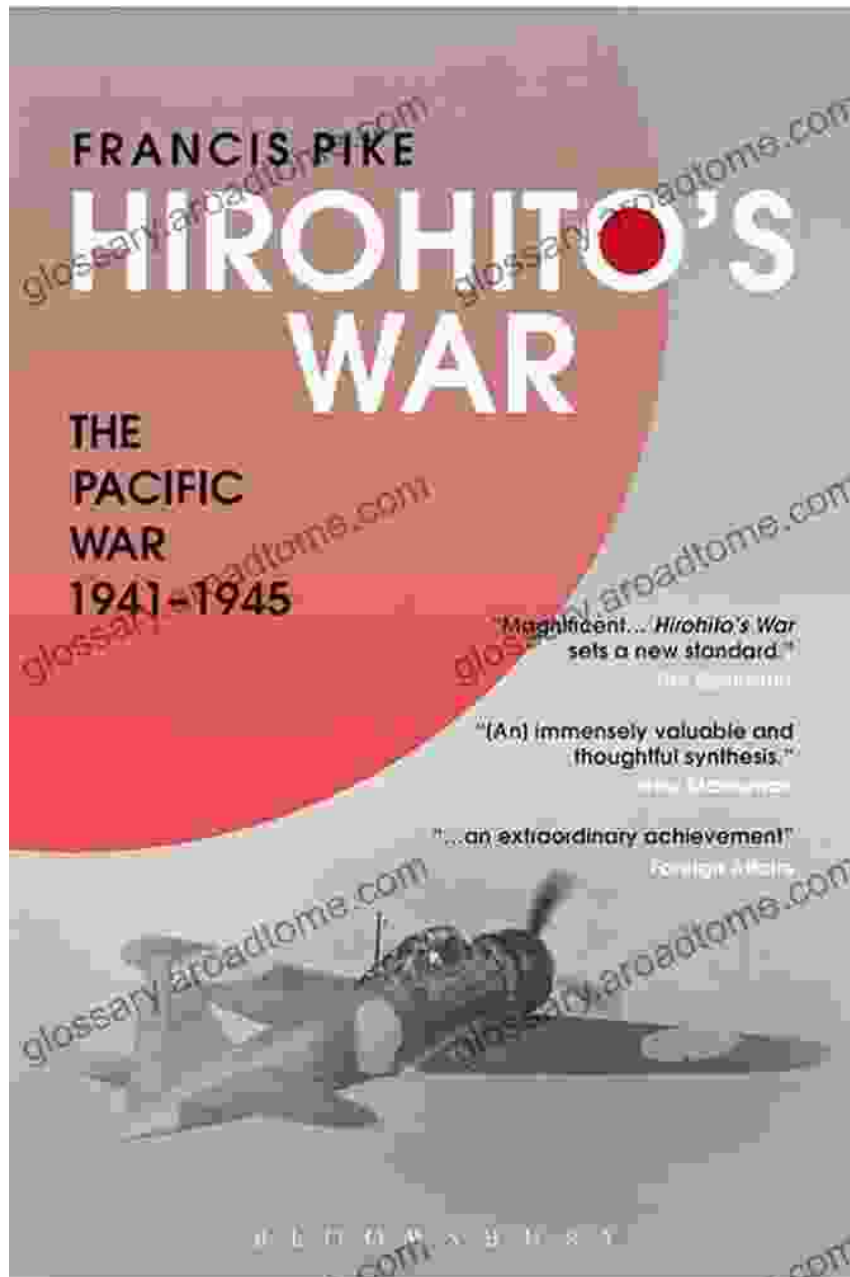
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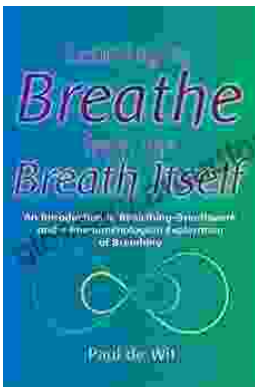
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