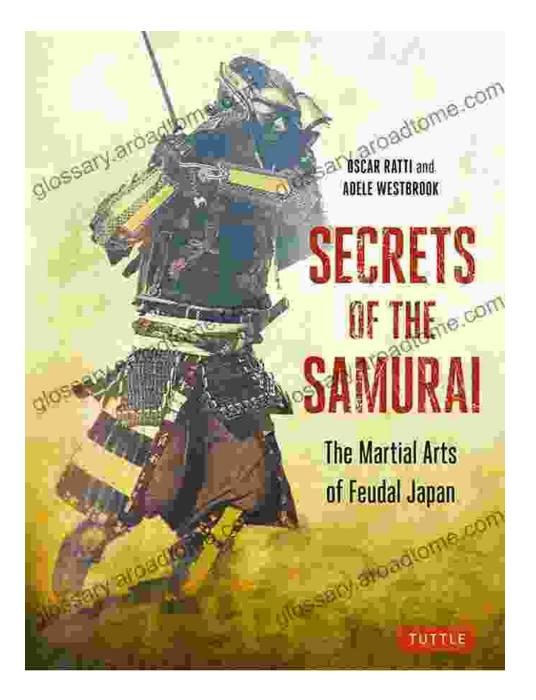
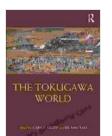
# The Tokugawa World: A Comprehensive Guide to Feudal Japan's Golden Age



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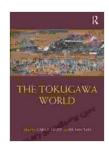
entertainment that provided moments of respite and celebration amidst the rigid social hierarchy.

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