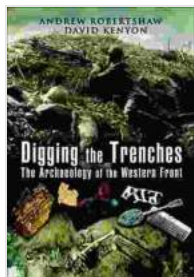


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Archaeological investigations have unearthed a wide range of military structures, such as this bunker, providing valuable information about wartime defense systems.

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Archaeology contributes to the interpretation and preservation of memorials and commemorative landscapes, ensuring that the memory of the war remains alive.

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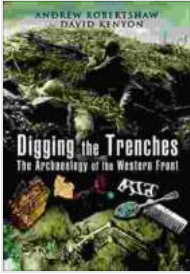
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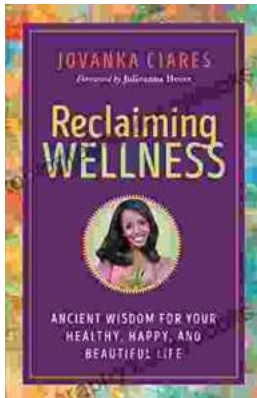
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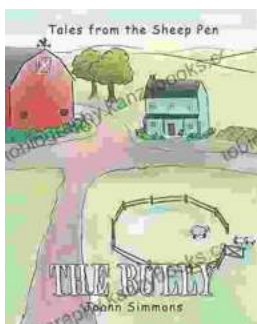


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