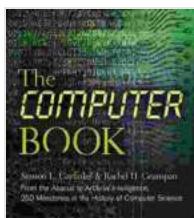


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In this article, we will take a journey through the annals of computing history, exploring some of the most significant milestones that have paved the way for the modern digital age. We will delve into the minds of brilliant inventors and innovators, uncover the stories behind groundbreaking technologies, and witness the profound impact that computing has had on our world.



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## The Antikythera Mechanism: An Ancient Astronomical Computer



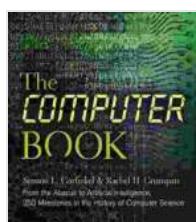
In the 2nd century BC, Greek scientists created an astonishingly complex device known as the Antikythera Mechanism. This intricate mechanism, housed in a wooden case, was capable of predicting the positions of the sun, moon, and planets with remarkable accuracy. It was a testament to the ingenuity of ancient engineers and astronomers.

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In the 17th century, French philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal invented the Pascaline, the first mechanical calculator. This groundbreaking device used a series of gears and levers to perform addition and subtraction automatically. The Pascaline revolutionized the field of mathematics, making it possible to perform complex calculations with greater speed and accuracy.

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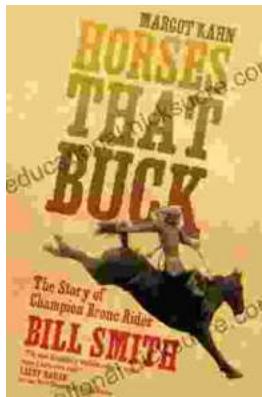
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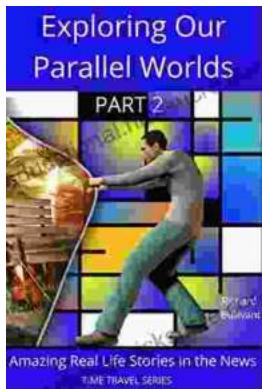
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