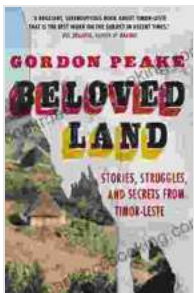


# Unveiling the Hidden Stories of Timor-Leste: A Captivating Saga of Struggles and Secrets

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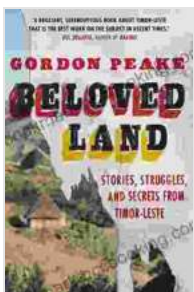
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