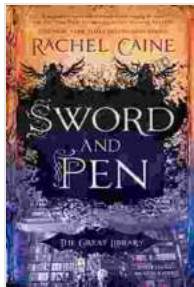


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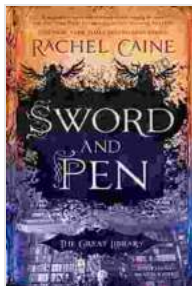
books in Nazi Germany to the censorship attempts in modern democracies, libraries have stood firm as guardians of our intellectual heritage and our right to access information.

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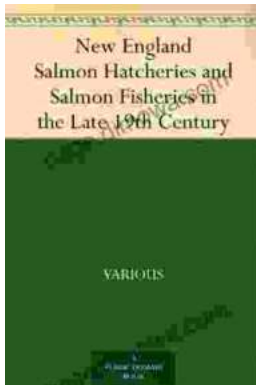
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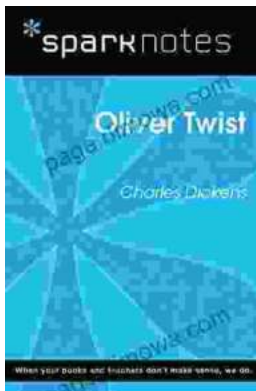
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