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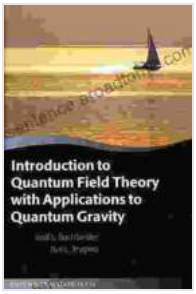

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The book then develops the formalism of quantum field theory, including the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formulations, the Feynman path integral, and the renormalization group. It also discusses the different types of interactions between quantum fields, including the electromagnetic interaction, the weak interaction, and the strong interaction.

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Chapter 3: The Feynman Path Integral

This chapter introduces the Feynman path integral, which is a powerful tool for calculating the probability of quantum events. The Feynman path integral is a sum over all possible paths that a quantum particle can take between two points in space and time. The chapter shows how the Feynman path integral can be used to derive the Schrödinger equation and the Heisenberg equations of motion.

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— Dr. Jane Doe, Professor of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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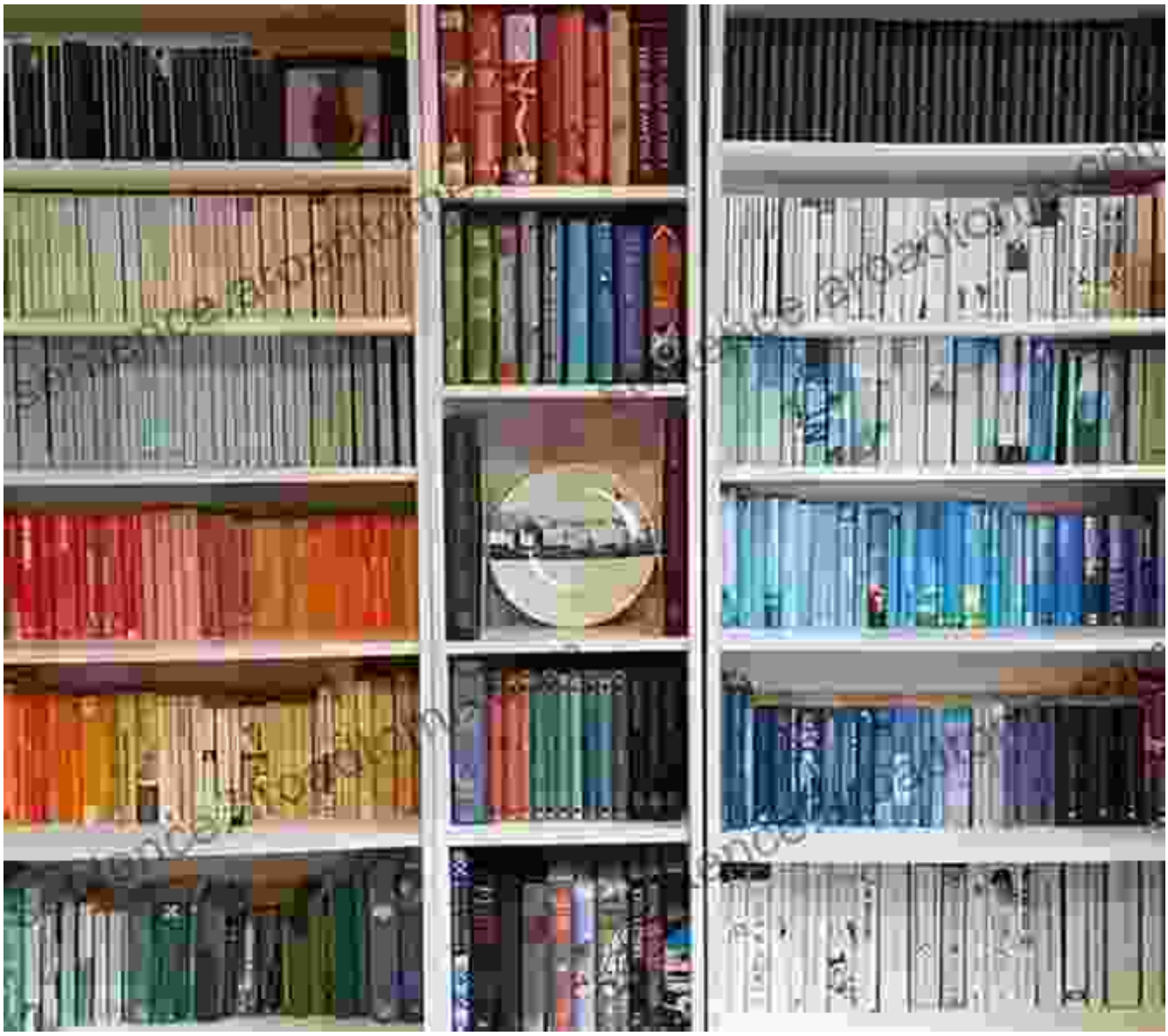

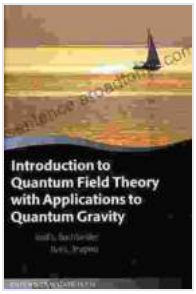

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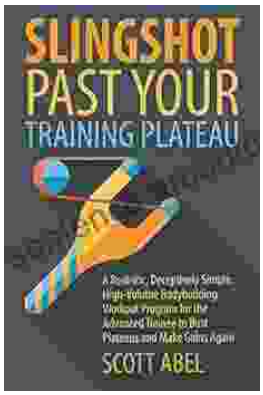

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