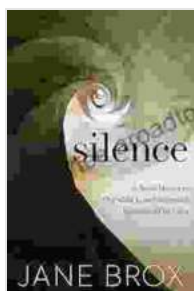


# The Secret Life of Oxygen: A Social History of One of the Least Understood Elements of Our Lives

Oxygen is essential for life, but it is also a surprisingly complex and mysterious element. In this groundbreaking book, author Carl Zimmer explores the social history of oxygen, from its discovery in the 18th century to its role in modern medicine and technology.



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Zimmer begins by tracing the early history of oxygen, from its discovery by Joseph Priestley in 1774 to its isolation by Antoine Lavoisier in 1778. He then explores the role of oxygen in the development of modern medicine, from its use as an anesthetic in the 19th century to its use in the treatment of respiratory diseases in the 20th century.

Zimmer also examines the role of oxygen in modern technology, from its use in the production of steel to its use in the development of rocket fuel. He concludes by discussing the future of oxygen, and how it will continue to play a vital role in our lives.

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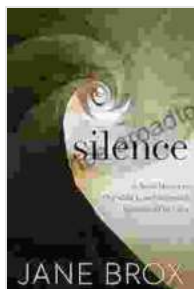
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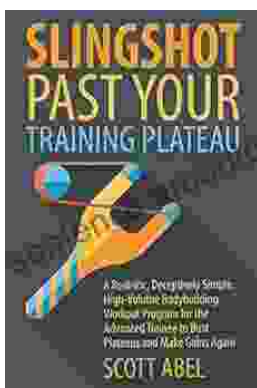
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