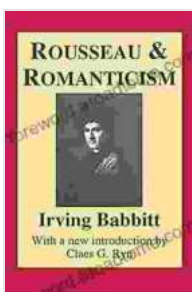


# Discover the Profound Insights of Rousseau and Romanticism: An Indispensable Guide for Conservative Thinkers

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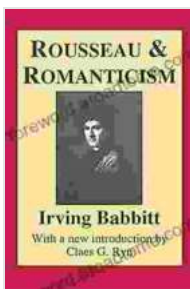
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