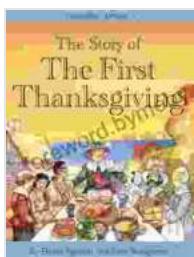


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The menu featured traditional Native American dishes such as venison, wild turkey, and cornbread, alongside English fare like bread and butter. It was a culinary symphony that reflected the cultural exchange that had taken place.

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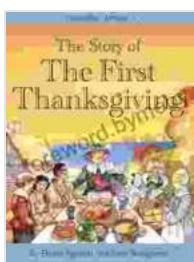
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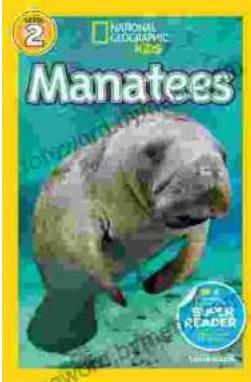
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