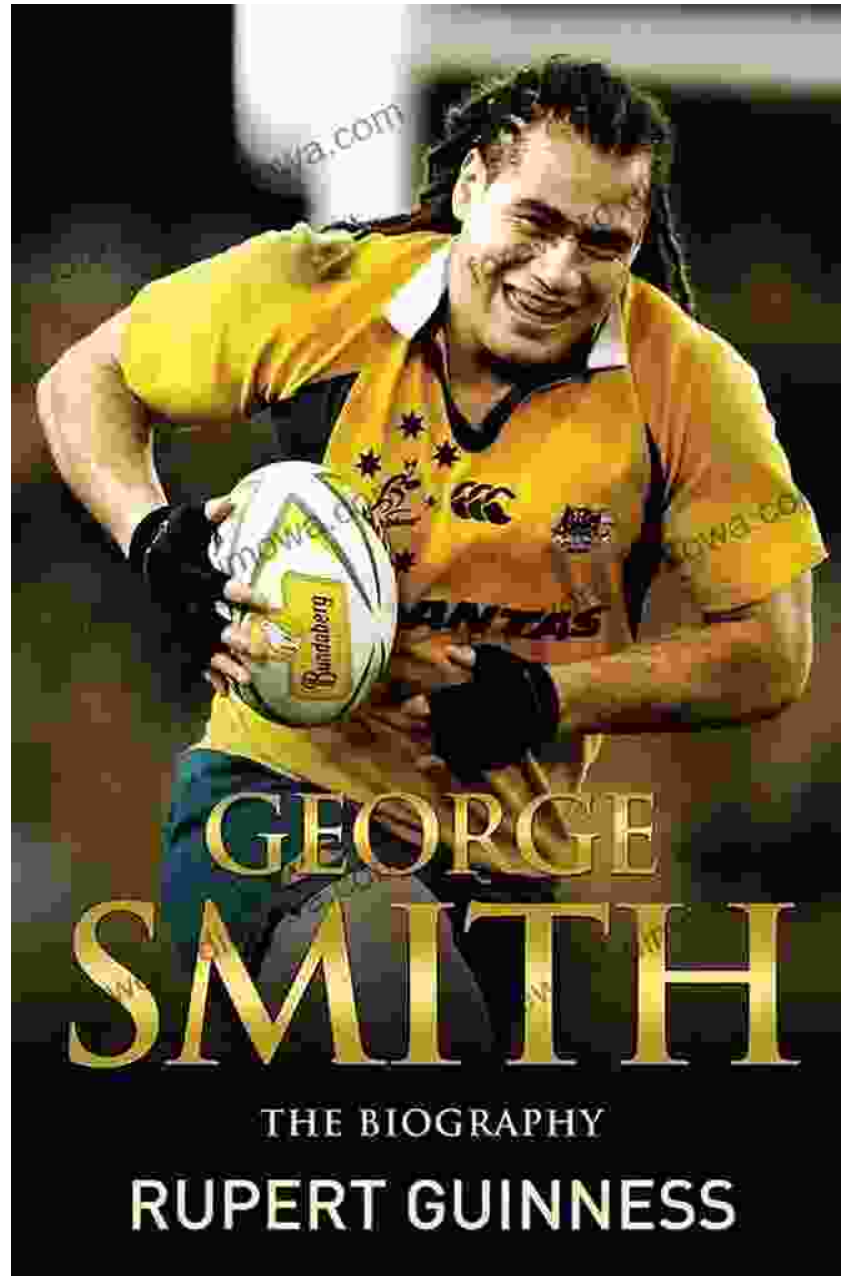


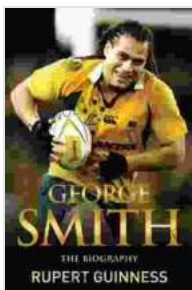
# George Smith: The Enthralling Biography by Rupert Guinness



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### **Pioneer of Babylonian Archaeology**

Born into a humble family in London, George Smith's path to greatness began with a burning passion for the unknown. At the age of 14, he immersed himself in the study of Assyriology, the decipherment of the ancient cuneiform script of Mesopotamia.

His breakthrough came in 1872 when, working at the British Museum, he deciphered a crucial fragment of a Babylonian tablet. This revealed the existence of an epic poem known as the "Epic of Gilgamesh," one of the oldest and most significant works of world literature.

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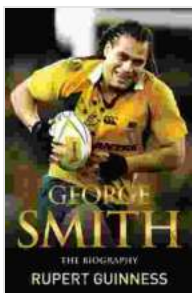
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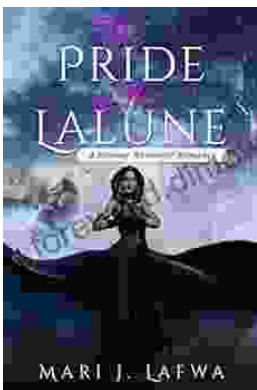
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