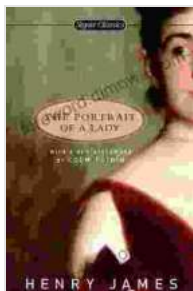


# Unveiling the Masterpiece: Henry James' "The Portrait of a Lady"



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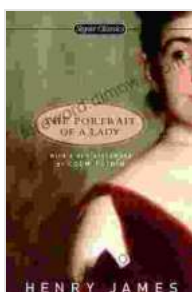
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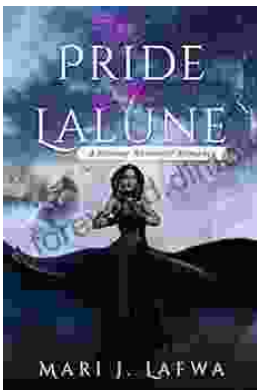
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