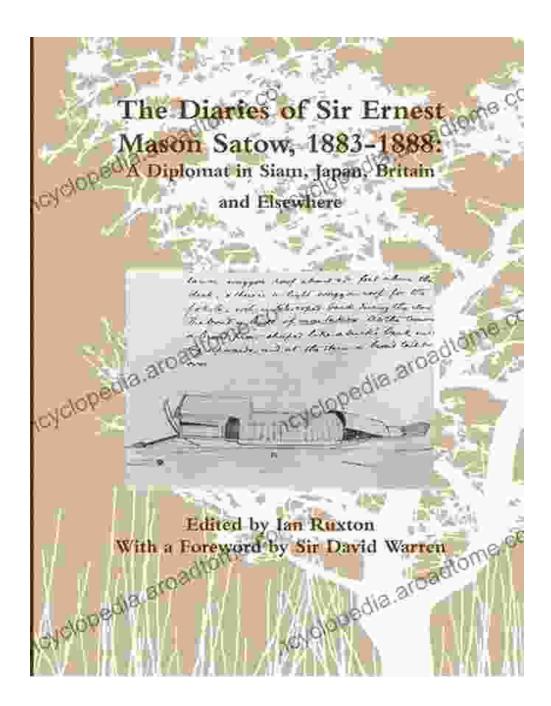
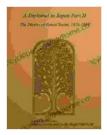
# The Diaries of Ernest Satow 1870 1883: A Treasure Trove of Diplomatic Insights and Cultural Observations



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Born in London, Satow developed a fascination with languages from an early age. He embarked on a diplomatic career in Japan in 1862, witnessing firsthand the country's tumultuous transition from feudalism to modernity during the Meiji Restoration. Satow's profound understanding of Japanese culture and his ability to bridge cultural divides made him a respected and influential figure in Japan.

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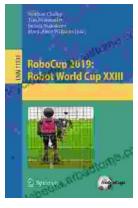
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