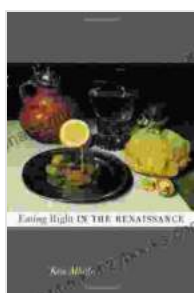


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Chapter 3: The Rise of European Cuisine

As Spanish and Mexican settlements grew in California, European cuisine became increasingly prevalent. Garland explores the influence of Spanish, French, and Italian cooking on the region, examining the use of new ingredients, such as wheat, olive oil, and spices. She also discusses the rise of restaurants and taverns, which became popular gathering places for dining and socializing.

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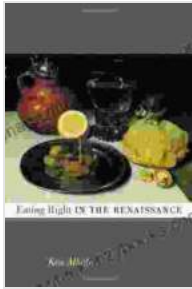
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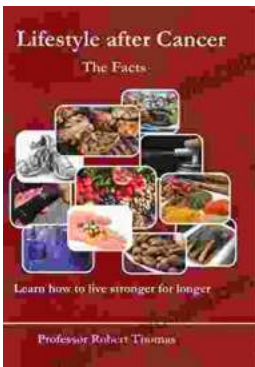


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