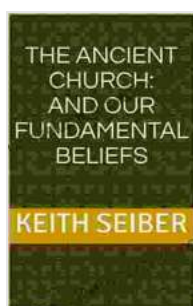


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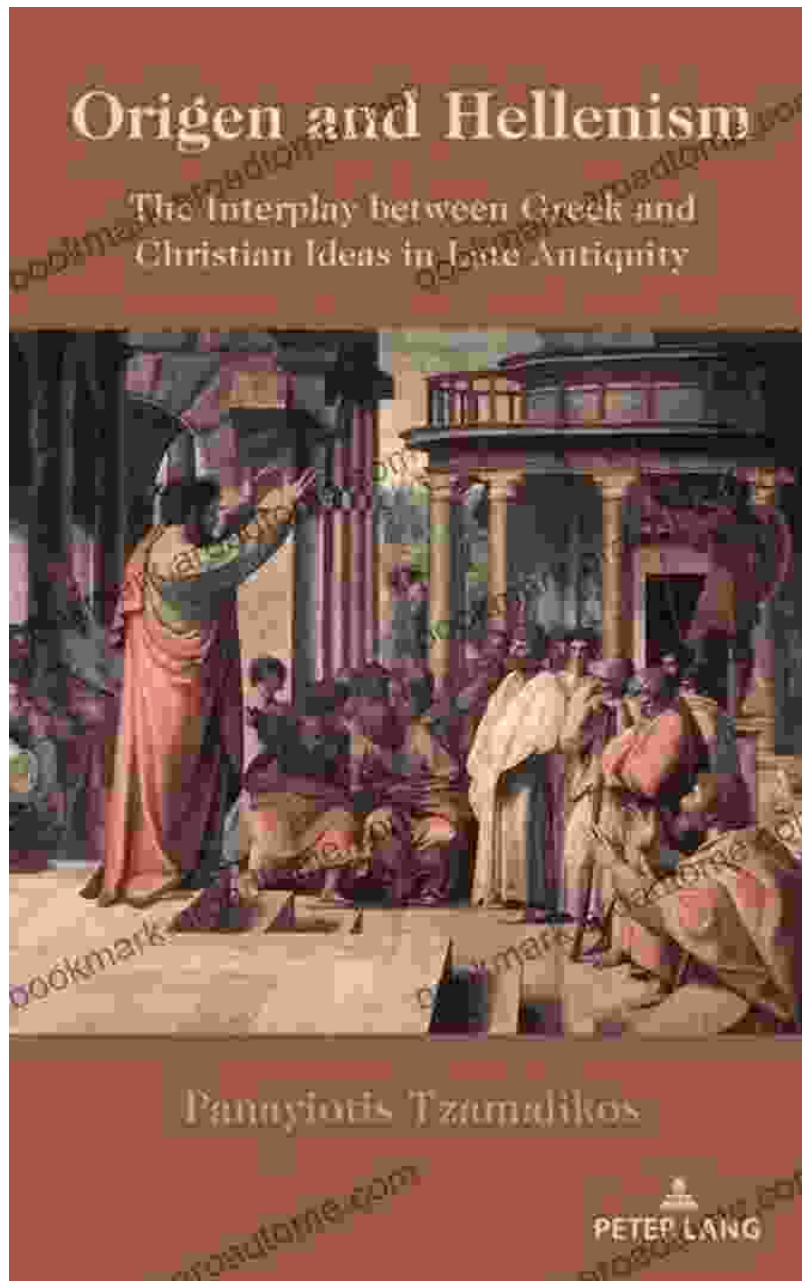
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The ancient church boasted a remarkable array of theologians known as the Church Fathers. These brilliant minds, such as Augustine of Hippo and Irenaeus of Lyons, devoted their lives to studying and expounding on Christian doctrine. Their writings had a profound impact on shaping the beliefs and practices of the church.



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The ancient church also grappled with the question of which writings should be considered authoritative for Christian doctrine. Through a process of



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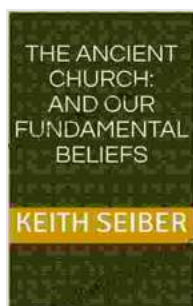
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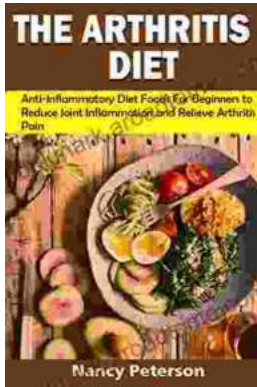
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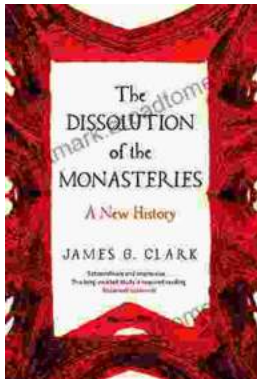
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