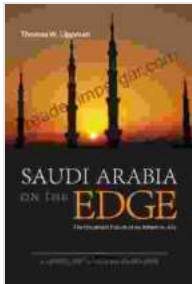


# Saudi Arabia on the Edge: Perilous Path to Modernization



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In response to these challenges, Saudi Arabia has embarked on a ambitious reform program known as Vision 2030. Led by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Vision 2030 aims to transform Saudi Arabia into a modern, diversified economy that is less dependent on oil.

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and reform. The book is written by Karen Elliott House, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has covered the Middle East for more than three decades. House provides a comprehensive overview of Saudi Arabia's history, politics, economy, and society. She also examines the challenges facing the country as it seeks to modernize, including the role of women, the need for economic diversification, and the threat of terrorism.

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### **Chapter 1: The House of Saud**

The House of Saud is the ruling family of Saudi Arabia. The family has been in power since the early 18th century, and it has played a major role in shaping the country's history. The chapter provides a detailed overview of the House of Saud, including its origins, its political structure, and its relationship with the Saudi people.

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The discovery of oil in Saudi Arabia in the 1930s transformed the country's economy and society. The oil boom led to a rapid increase in wealth and power for the House of Saud, and it also helped to create a new middle class. The chapter examines the impact of the oil boom on Saudi Arabia, including the economic, social, and political changes that it brought about.

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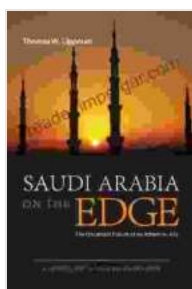
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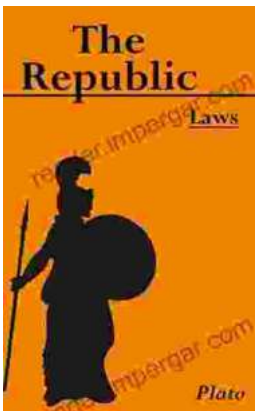
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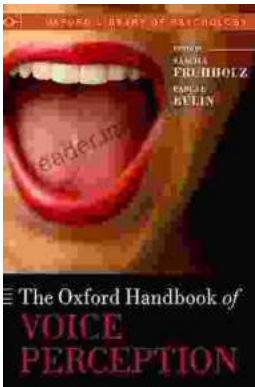
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