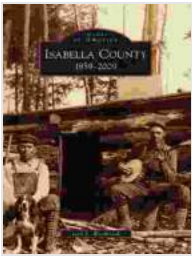


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Isabella County's vibrant community spirit shines through in countless images that capture the essence of everyday life. From bustling Fourth of July celebrations to heartwarming schoolhouse scenes, from church gatherings to lively dances, these photographs offer a glimpse into the social fabric that has woven Isabella County together.

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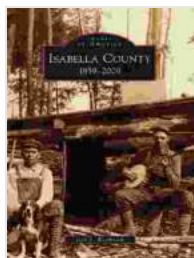
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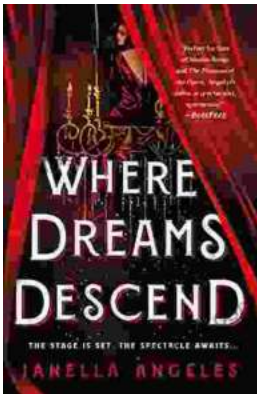
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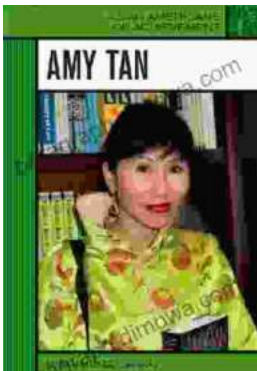
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