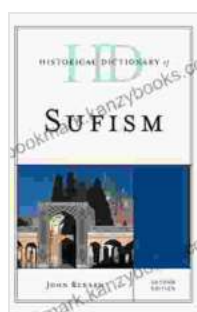


# Historical Dictionary of Sufism: A Comprehensive Guide to the Mystical Tradition of Islam

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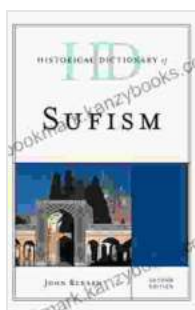
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