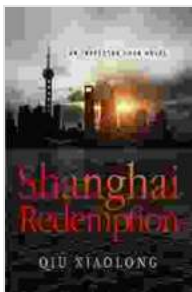


# An Inspector Chen Novel: Inspector Chen Cao

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## A Journey into Modern China

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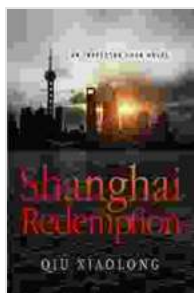
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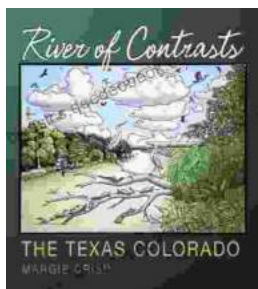
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