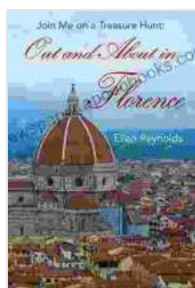


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Dante Alighieri, the father of the Italian language, was born in Florence in 1265. His masterpiece, *The Divine Comedy*, is one of the most influential works of literature ever written. In this chapter, we'll follow in Dante's footsteps and explore the places that inspired his epic poem.

We'll visit the church where he first met Beatrice, the love of his life and the inspiration for his *Divine Comedy*. We'll also explore the narrow streets of the Oltrarno, the working-class neighborhood where Dante spent much of his life. And we'll climb to the top of Brunelleschi's Dome, where Dante had a vision of the heavens.

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## **Chapter 3: Machiavelli and the Art of Politics**

Niccolò Machiavelli was a Florentine diplomat and political philosopher who lived during the Renaissance. He is best known for his book *The Prince*, a treatise on how to acquire and maintain political power.

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## **Chapter 4: Vasari and the Lives of the Artists**

Giorgio Vasari was an Italian painter, architect, and writer who lived during the Renaissance. He is best known for his book *The Lives of the Artists*, a collection of biographies of the most important artists of the Renaissance.

In this chapter, we'll explore the places where Vasari lived and worked. We'll also visit the Vasari Corridor, a secret passageway that connects the Uffizi Gallery to the Palazzo Pitti.

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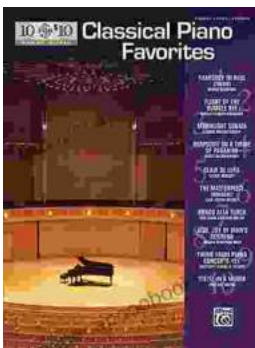
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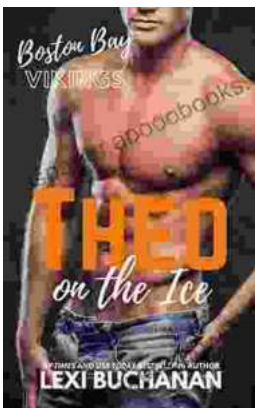


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