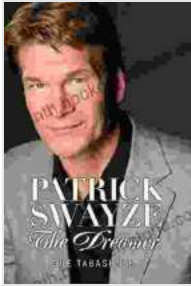


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In 1983, Swayze made his film debut in The Outsiders. He went on to star in several other films, including Red Dawn (1984), Point Break (1991), and Donnie Darko (2001). He is best known for his role as Johnny Castle in the 1987 film Dirty Dancing. The film was a critical and commercial success, and Swayze received a Golden Globe Award for his performance.

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Swayze was also a talented musician. He released his debut album, Swayze, in 1987. The album was a commercial success, and the single "She's Like the Wind" reached the top ten on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. He went on to release several other albums, including The Time of My Life (1988) and Rise (1992).

Swayze died on September 14, 2009, at the age of 57, from pancreatic cancer. He was survived by his wife, Lisa Niemi, and his daughter, Danielle.

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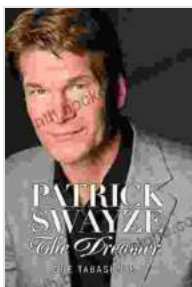
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## Legacy

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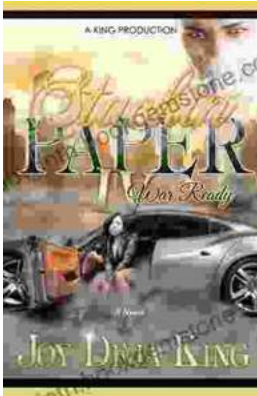
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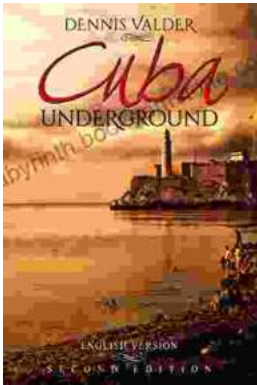
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