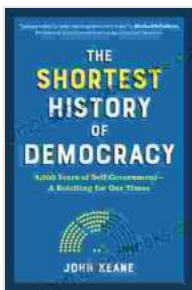


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Self-government is not always easy. It requires hard work, compromise, and a commitment to the common good. But it is worth it. Self-government is the foundation of a free and prosperous society.

The Challenges of Self-Government

Self-government faces many challenges in the 21st century. These challenges include:

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- **Technology:** Technology is changing the way we live and work. This has also created new challenges for self-government. Social media, for example, can be used to spread misinformation and propaganda. This can make it difficult for people to make informed decisions about their government.
- **Populism:** Populism is a political ideology that appeals to the common people. Populist leaders often promise to restore self-government to

the people. However, populist leaders can also be authoritarian and corrupt. This can undermine self-government.

The Future of Self-Government

Despite the challenges, self-government remains the best way to organize a society. It is the only system that gives people the power to shape their own lives and communities. The future of self-government depends on our ability to overcome the challenges of globalization, technology, and populism.

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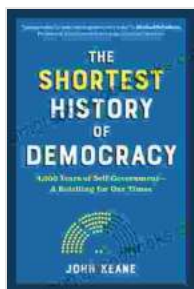
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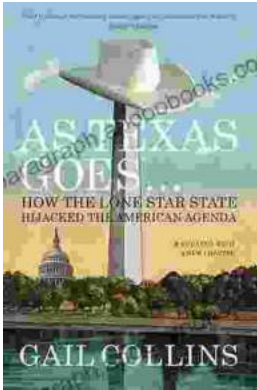
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