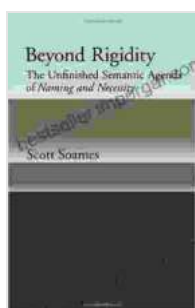


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Prior to Kripke's groundbreaking contributions, the prevailing philosophical view held that proper names were rigid designators, referring to the same entity across all possible worlds. This perspective, known as the description theory of names, suggested that the meaning of a proper name could be fully captured by a set of descriptive properties.



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However, Kripke's seminal work in Naming and Necessity challenged this long-held belief. He argued that proper names are not merely descriptive but also referential. The meaning of a proper name, he contended, is determined by its referent, the actual individual it denotes, rather than by any set of descriptive characteristics.

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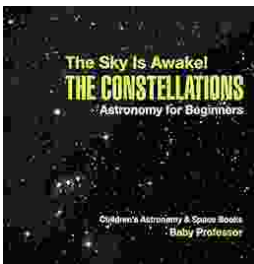
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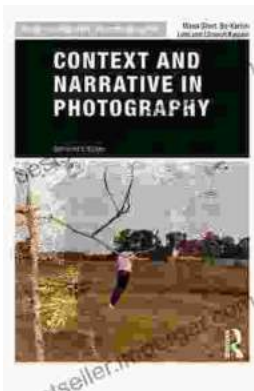
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