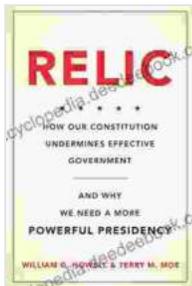


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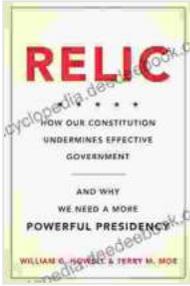
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The Constitution is also too vague. Many of its provisions are written in broad terms that leave a lot of room for interpretation. For example, the First Amendment guarantees the right to freedom of speech, but it does not define what speech is protected. This has led to a long and complicated history of court cases trying to determine what speech is permissible and what speech is not.

The Constitution is too difficult to amend. The amendment process is so cumbersome that it has only been used 27 times in the history of the country. This makes it very difficult to change the Constitution to meet the changing needs of society. For example, the Constitution does not explicitly address the issue of campaign finance. This has led to a situation where corporations and wealthy individuals can spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections. This has created a system where the rich and powerful have an unfair advantage in the political process.

The Constitution is a product of its time. It was written in the late 18th century, when the United States was a much smaller and less complex country. The world has changed a lot since then, and our Constitution is no longer adequate to meet the challenges of the 21st century. We need a new constitution that is longer, more specific, and easier to amend. Only then can we hope to have a government that is responsive to the needs of the people.

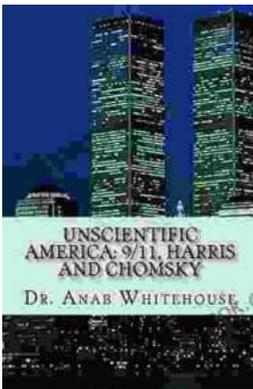
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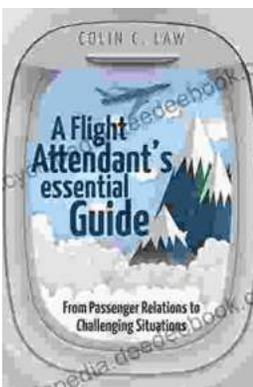
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