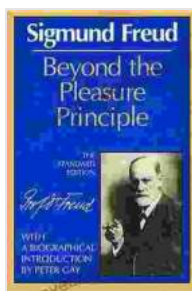


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Freud expanded his psychoanalytic model by describing the structure of the mind as a dynamic interplay between three distinct components:

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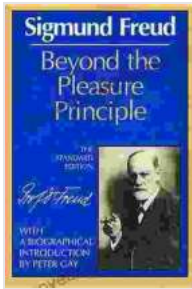
Freud believed that the unconscious mind is a vast reservoir of repressed thoughts, feelings, and memories that profoundly influence our behavior. Through techniques like dream analysis and free association, he revealed the hidden dynamics operating beneath the surface of consciousness.

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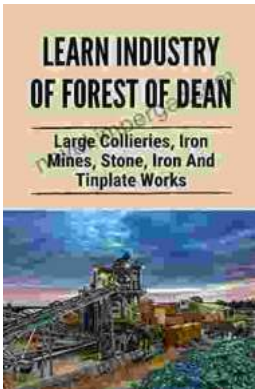
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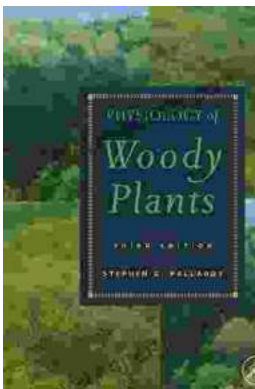
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