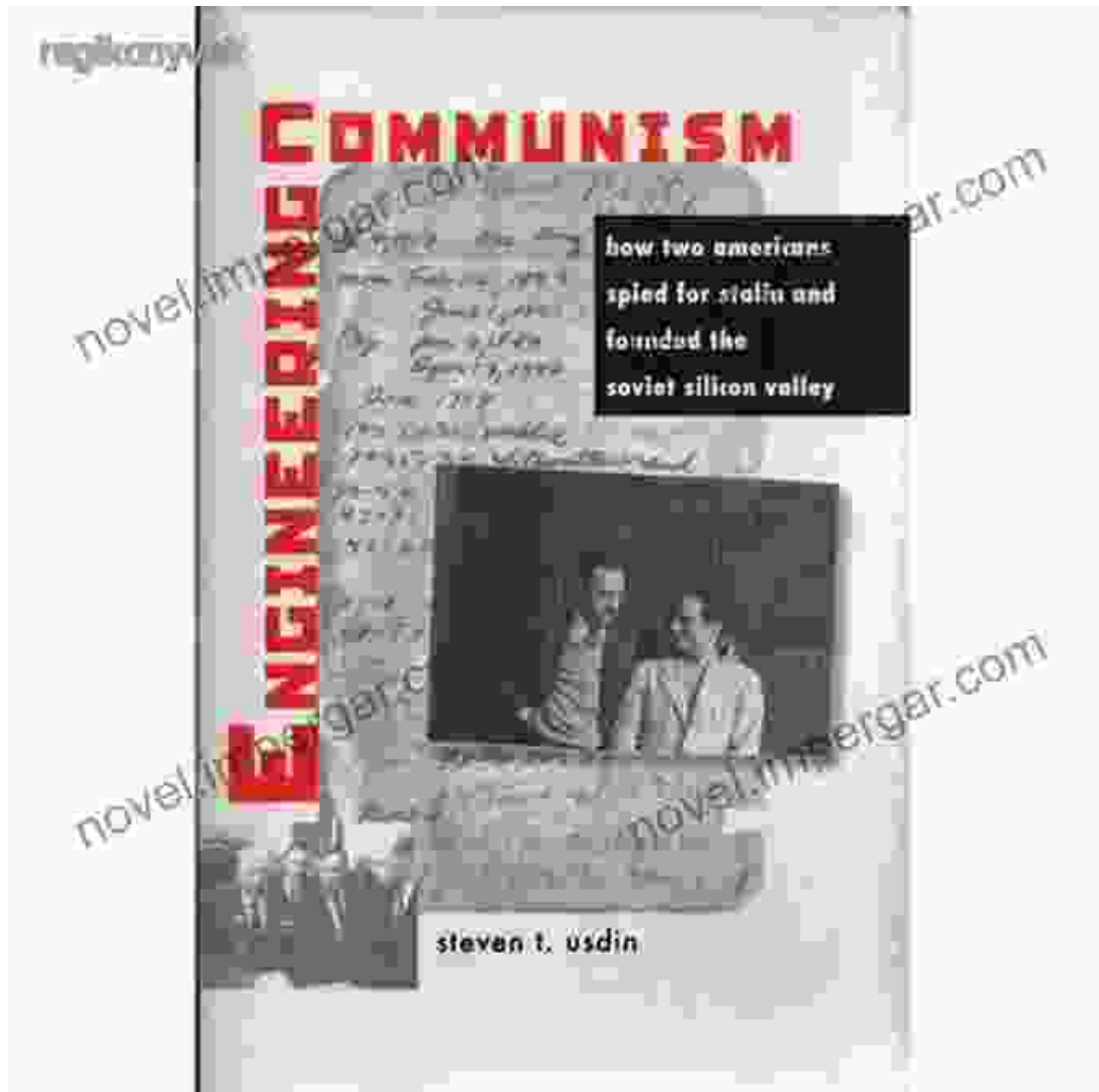# Unveiling the Secrets: How Two Americans Spied for Stalin and Founded the Soviet Silicon Valley

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In the 1930s, Barr and Sarant were recruited by the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) and tasked with spying for the Soviet Union. They provided invaluable intelligence on American military technology and industrial secrets.

Infiltrating the Manhattan Project

During World War II, Barr and Sarant exploited their scientific expertise to infiltrate the Manhattan Project, the top-secret American effort to develop the atomic bomb. They smuggled out classified documents and passed them to Soviet agents, significantly aiding the Soviet nuclear program.

Establishing the Soviet Silicon Valley

After the war, Barr and Sarant were sent to the Soviet Union, where they played a pivotal role in establishing the Soviet Silicon Valley, known as Obninsk. They trained Soviet scientists and engineers, helped develop advanced computer technologies, and laid the foundation for the Soviet Union's space program.

The Price of Betrayal

While Barr and Sarant's espionage activities benefited the Soviet Union, it came at a great cost to the United States. Their actions helped accelerate the arms race and prolonged the Cold War.

In 1950, Barr and Sarant were exposed as Soviet spies and sentenced to long prison terms. They spent the rest of their lives behind bars, isolated and forgotten.

Uncovering the Hidden History

Kevin Moore's book sheds light on this forgotten chapter in American and Soviet history. Through meticulous research and interviews, he reconstructs the lives and motivations of Barr and Sarant.

Moore argues that their story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of ideological extremism and the corrosive effects of betrayal. It also provides a fascinating glimpse into the workings of espionage and the global battle for technological supremacy.

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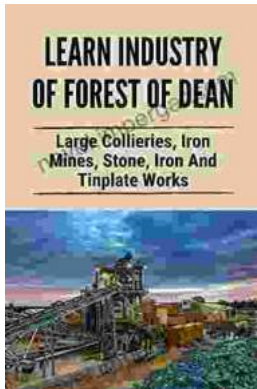
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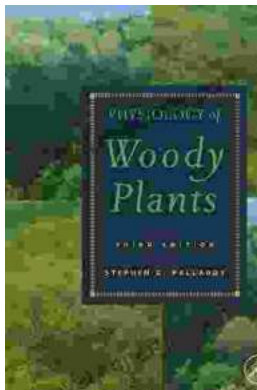|	
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