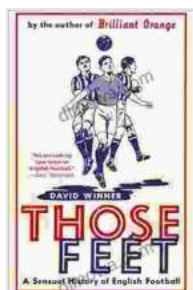


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In the following chapters, Goldblatt traces the development of football from a working-class game to a global sport. He examines the ways in which the game has been shaped by the changing nature of masculinity, and the ways in which it has been used to promote national identity and social cohesion.

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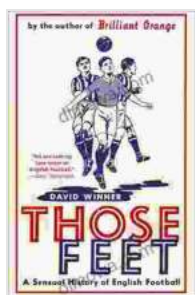
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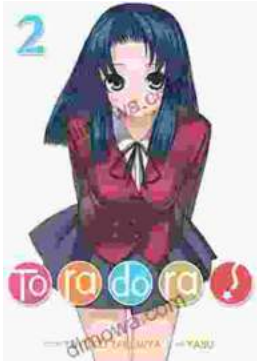
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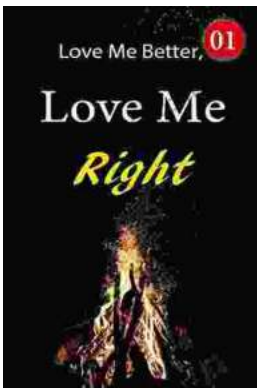
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