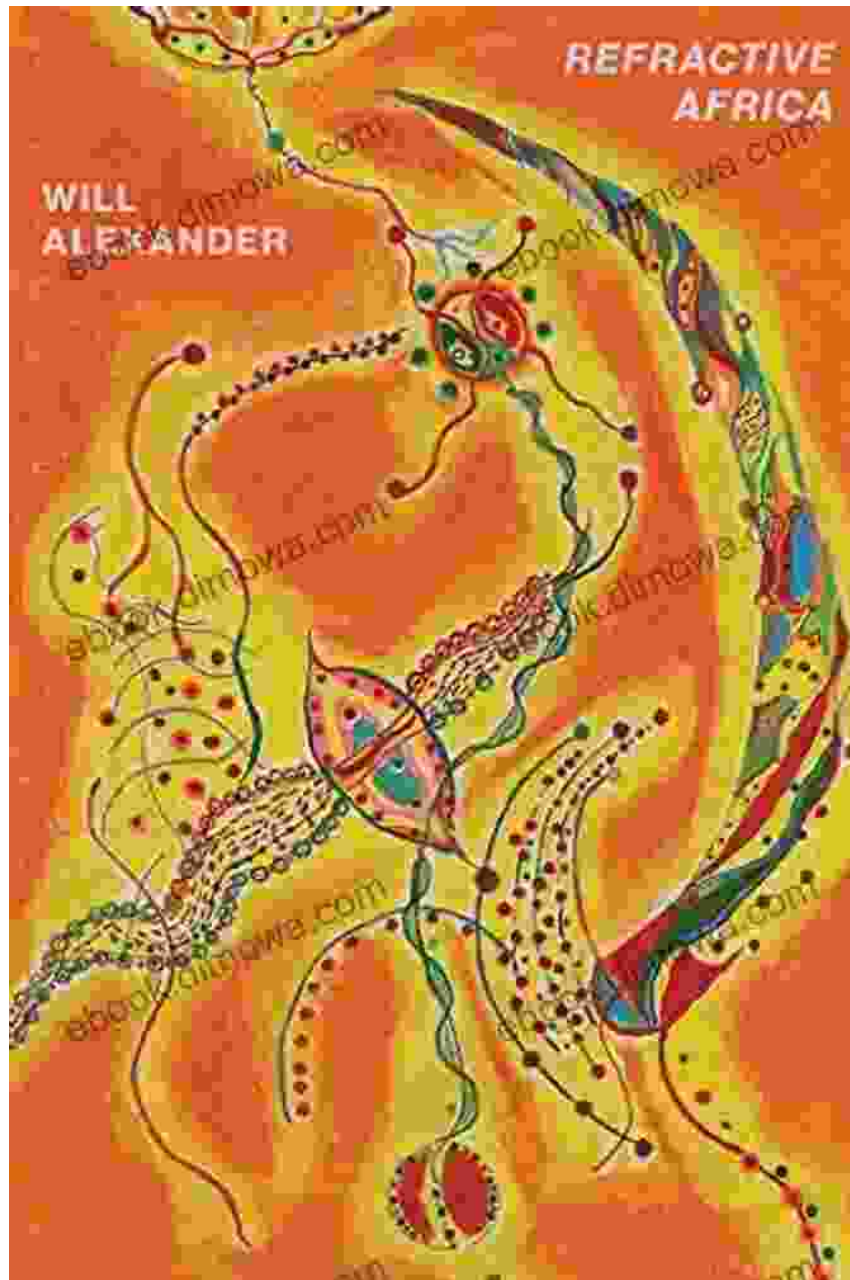


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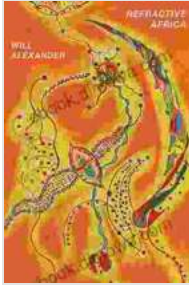
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Alexander, a renowned American poet, translator, and professor, has spent decades traveling and living in Africa. His deep engagement with the continent is evident in the poems of Refractive Africa, which are infused with a rich understanding of African history, culture, and politics. Through his unique perspective, Alexander challenges traditional notions of Africa and offers a nuanced and multifaceted portrayal of its people and landscapes.

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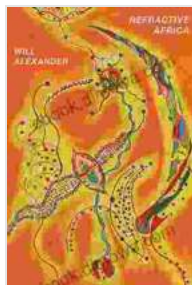
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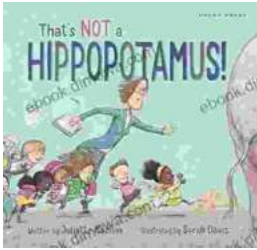
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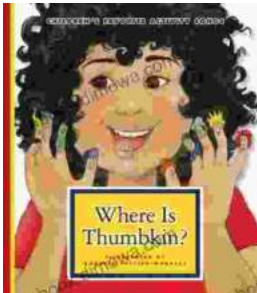
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