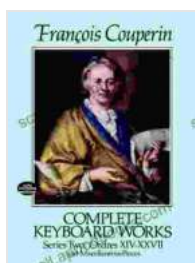


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## A Masterful Composer and Harpsichordist

Born in Paris in 1668, François Couperin was a child prodigy who quickly established himself as one of the most celebrated harpsichordists and

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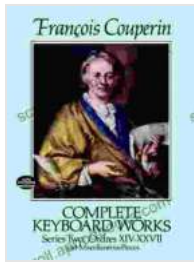
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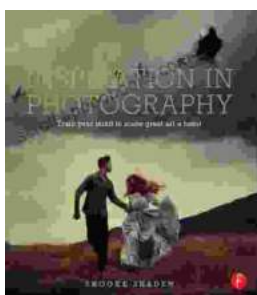
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