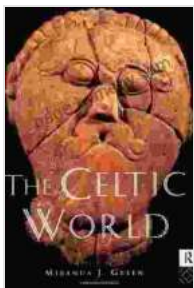


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The Celts believed in the interconnectedness of all living things and saw themselves as part of a larger web of life. This reverence for nature is reflected in their art, literature, and religious practices.

The Celts also had a deep respect for their ancestors and traditions. They preserved their history through oral storytelling and passed down their cultural knowledge from generation to generation.

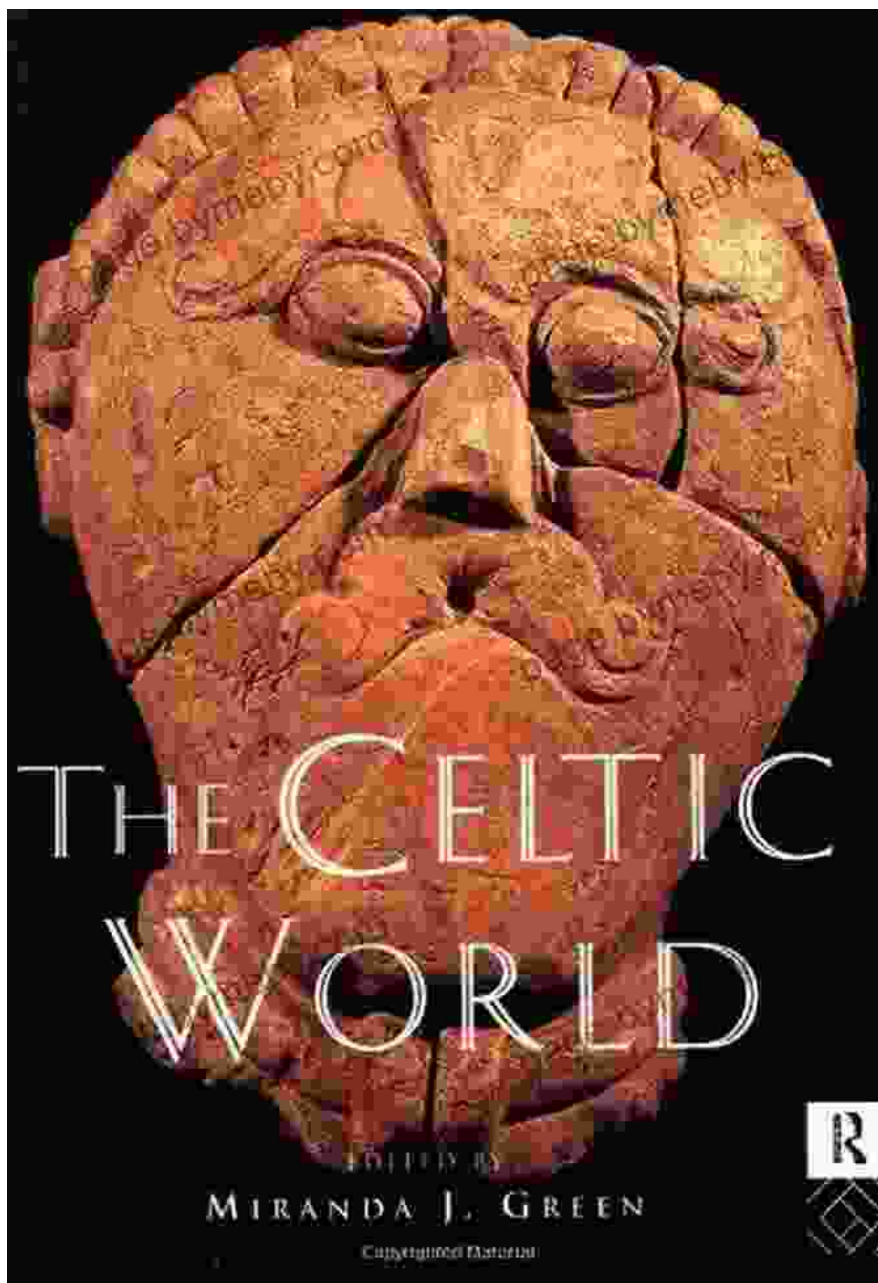
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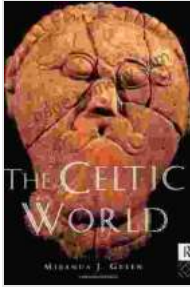
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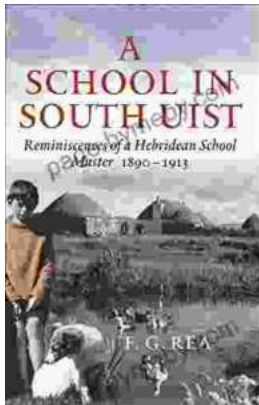
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