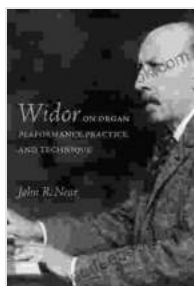


# Widor on Organ Performance Practice and Technique: A Comprehensive Examination of the Eastman Studies in Music Series

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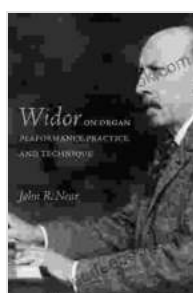
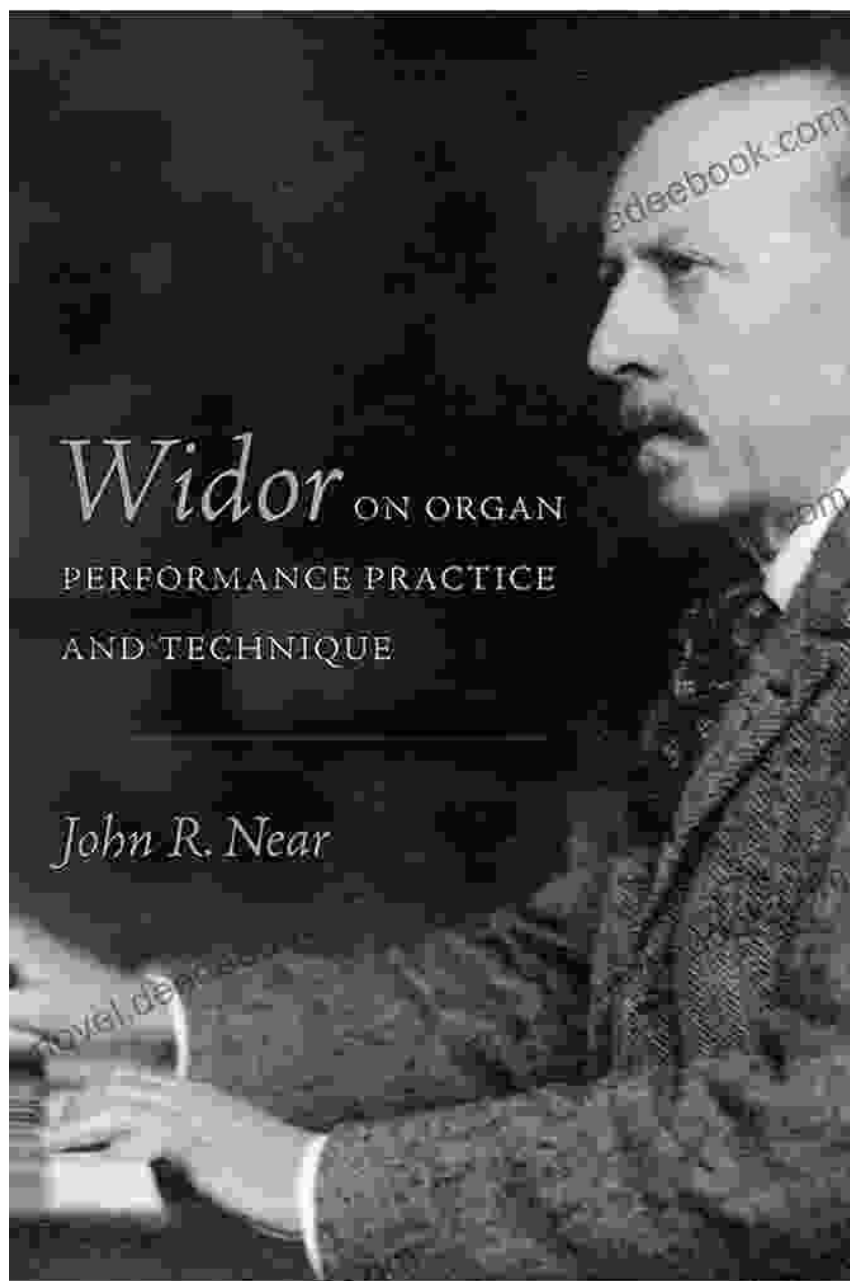
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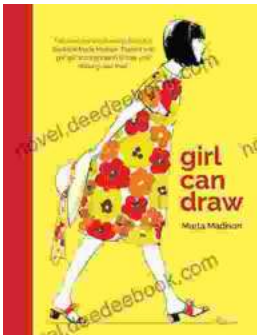
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