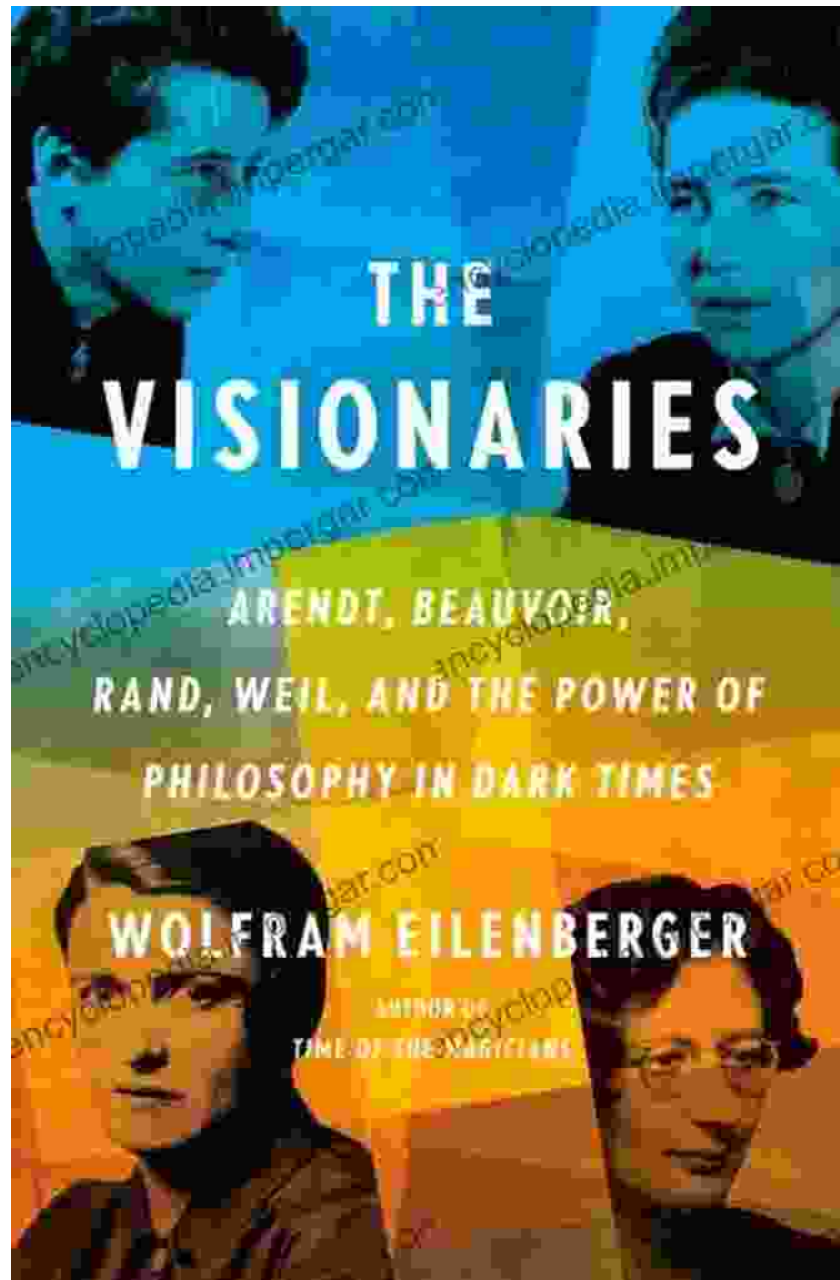# Unveiling the Power of Philosophy: How Four Women Revived Its Essence
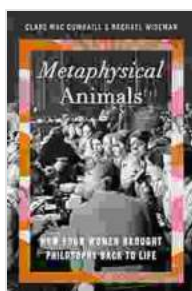

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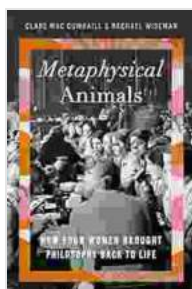## A.J. Ayer: The Anti-Metaphysician

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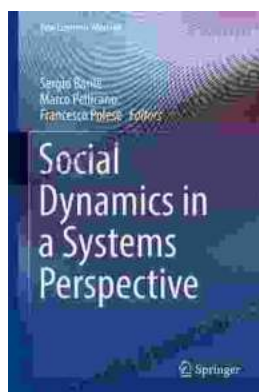
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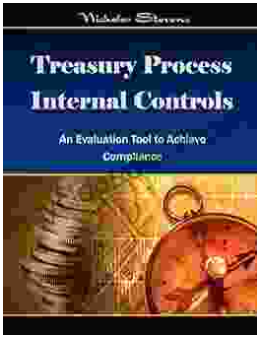### Metaphysical Animals: How Four Women Brought Philosophy Back to Life by Clare Mac Cumhaill

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