

# Other Pasts, Different Presents, Alternative Futures: Encounters

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What if the Roman Empire had never fallen? What if the United States had never been founded? What if the Industrial Revolution had never happened? These are just a few of the tantalizing questions that the contributors to this volume address. By imagining alternative pasts and

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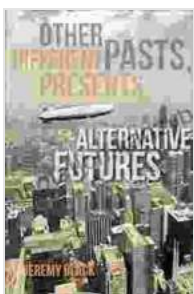
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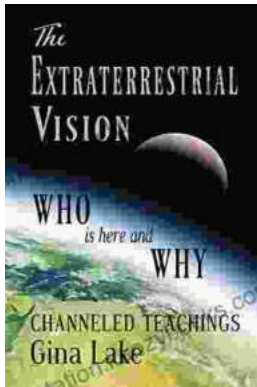
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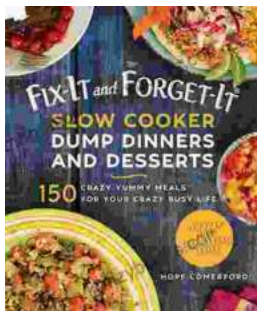
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