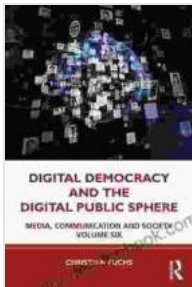


# Digitizing Democracy: Routledge Studies in Media, Communication and Politics

The rise of digital technologies has had a profound impact on all aspects of our lives, including the way we participate in politics. In recent years, we have seen a surge in the use of social media, online activism, and other digital tools for political purposes. This has led some to argue that we are on the cusp of a new era of "digital democracy," in which technology will empower citizens and transform the way we govern ourselves.



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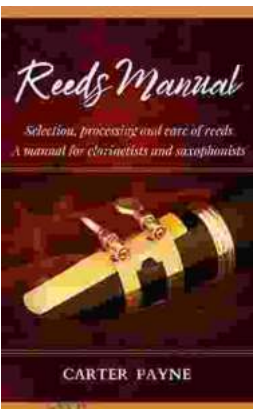


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