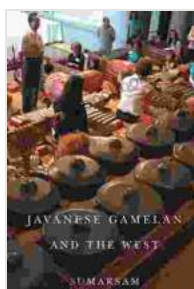


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Williams draws upon firsthand accounts, interviews with musicians, and archival research to provide a comprehensive understanding of the motivations, challenges, and triumphs that shaped this unique musical endeavor. The book features insightful discussions on:

- The impact of Western tonality on Javanese gamelan compositions
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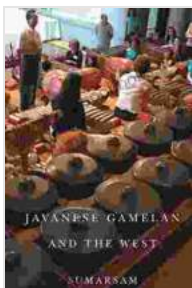
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