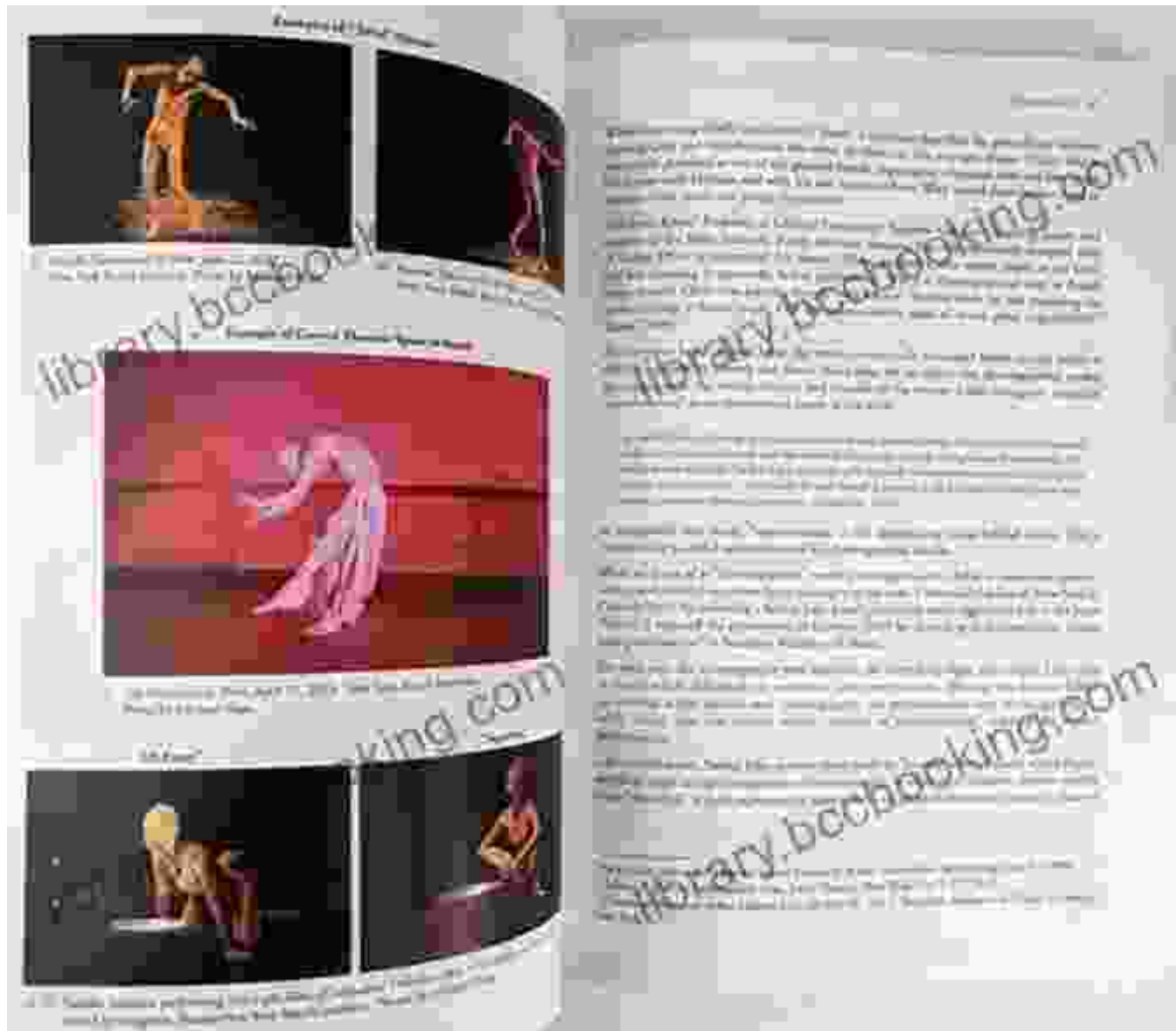


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Through vivid descriptions and insightful analysis, Vangeline unveils the secrets of Butoh's unique language of movement. From the subtle tremors to the explosive outbursts, every gesture and expression carries layers of meaning, inviting readers to engage with the art form on an intellectual and emotional level.

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Readers will gain a deeper understanding of the symbolic meanings behind the grotesque bodies, disfigured faces, and provocative movements that characterize Butoh. Each performance becomes an enigmatic riddle, inviting viewers to decipher its hidden truths and personal interpretations.

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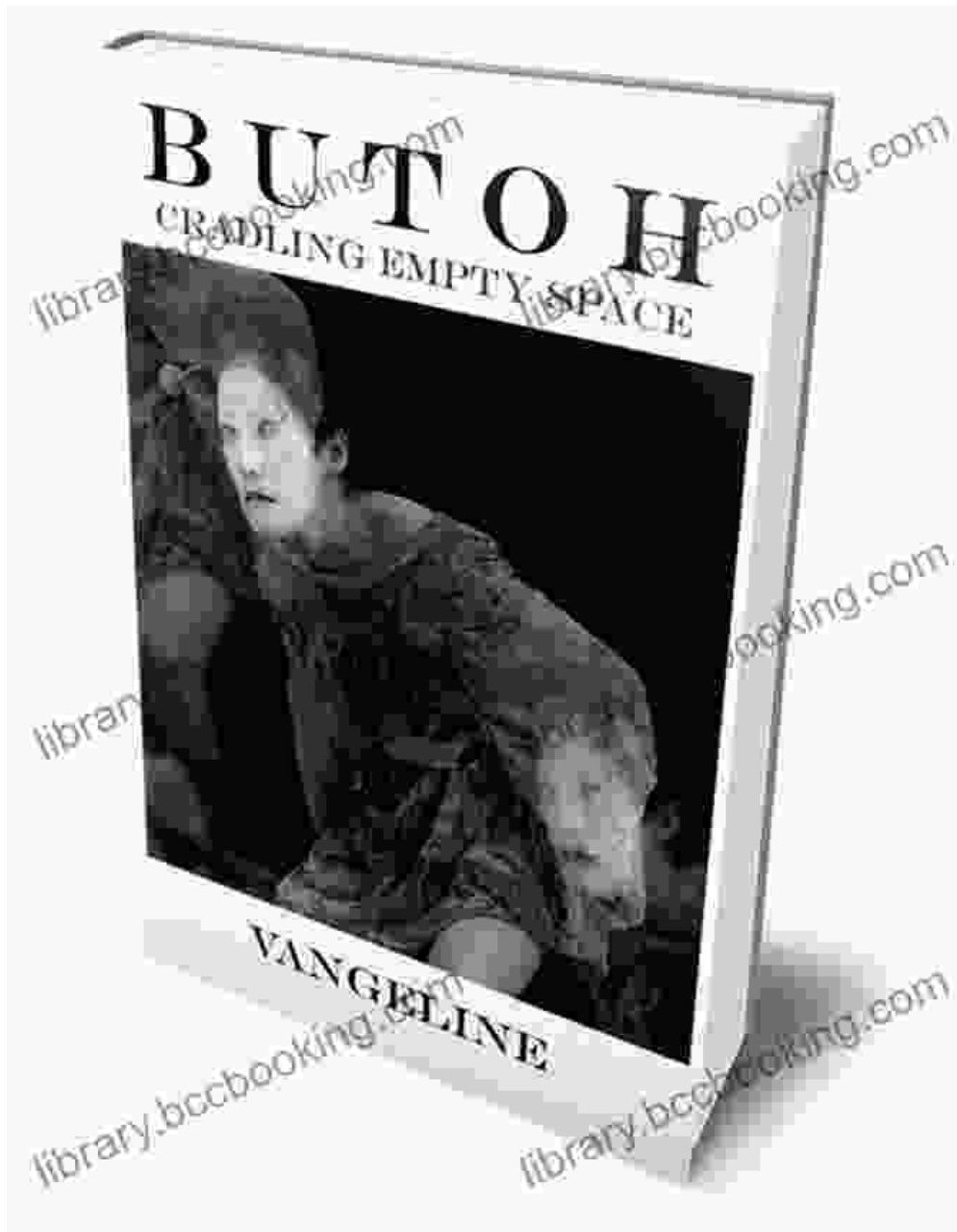
Readers will gain insights into the groundbreaking techniques and unconventional aesthetics that make Butoh a truly avant-garde art form. It is a dance that defies categorization, embracing the absurd, the grotesque, and the sublime, inviting viewers to question the very nature of art and performance.

Vangeline's 'Cradling Empty Space' is an essential guide for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of Butoh. Through her evocative prose and insightful analysis, she opens the door to a world where dance

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Whether you are a seasoned Butoh enthusiast or a curious newcomer to this enigmatic art form, this book will captivate, inspire, and challenge your perceptions. Embark on a journey through the ethereal realm of Butoh with Vangelina, and discover the transformative power of movement, symbolism, and ritual.

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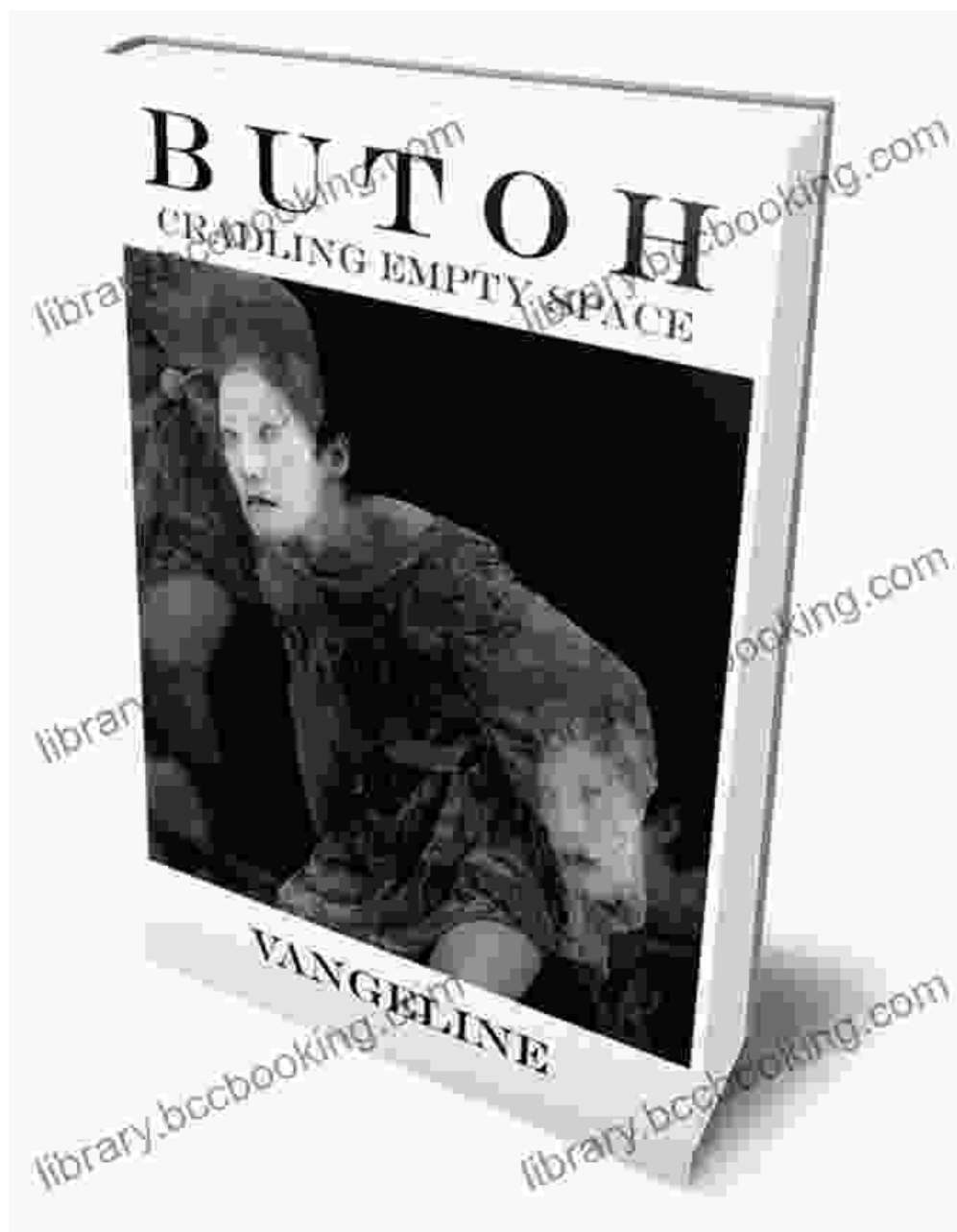
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Vangeline is an acclaimed writer, performer, and scholar specializing in Butoh. With a lifelong passion for Japanese dance, she has dedicated her work to unraveling the complexities and beauty of Butoh, bridging the gap between East and West.

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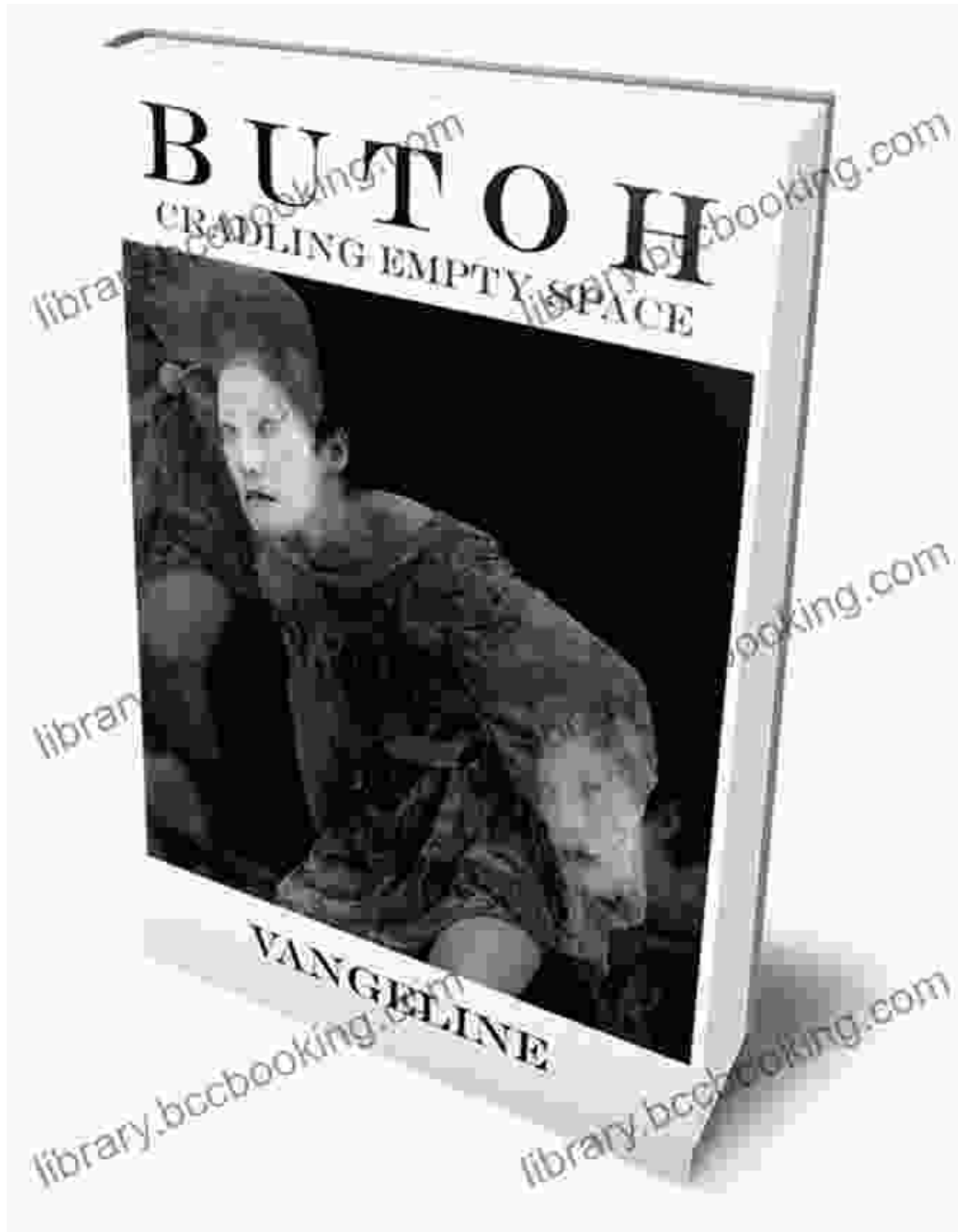


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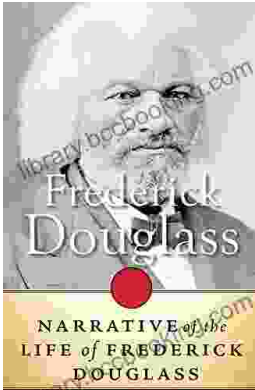
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