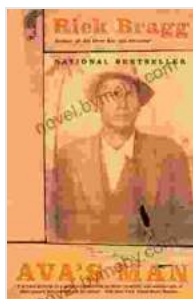


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Charles Bragg was born in 1935 in rural Alabama, the son of a sharecropper. He grew up in poverty, and his childhood was marked by violence and abuse. As a young man, Charles Bragg joined the Army, and he served in Korea. After his discharge from the Army, Charles Bragg returned to Alabama, where he worked as a truck driver and a construction worker. He married Rick Bragg's mother, Ava, in 1963, and they had four children together.

Charles Bragg was a loving and devoted father, but he was also a deeply troubled man. He struggled with alcoholism and violence, and he often took

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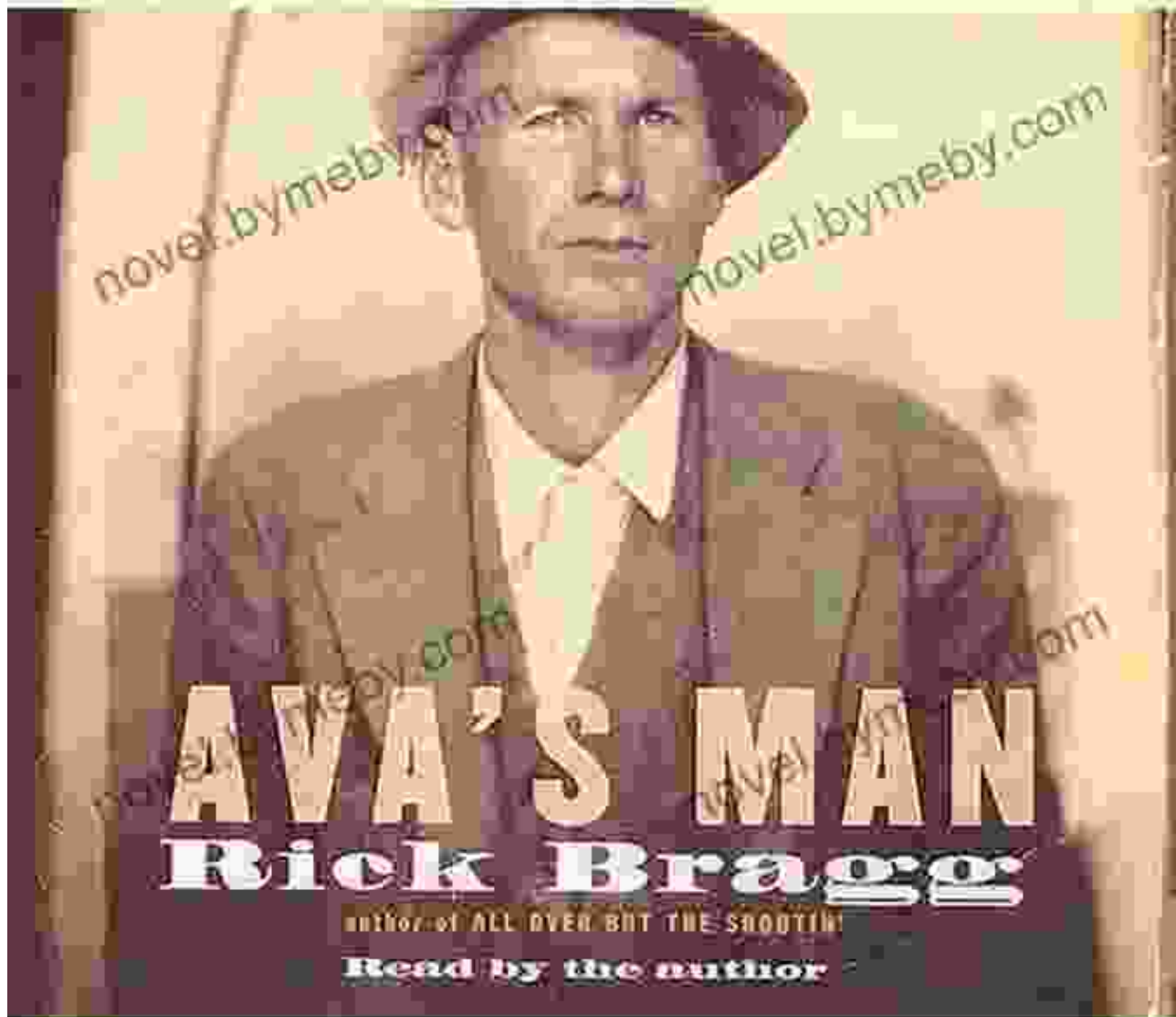
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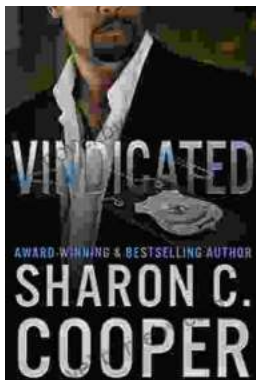
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