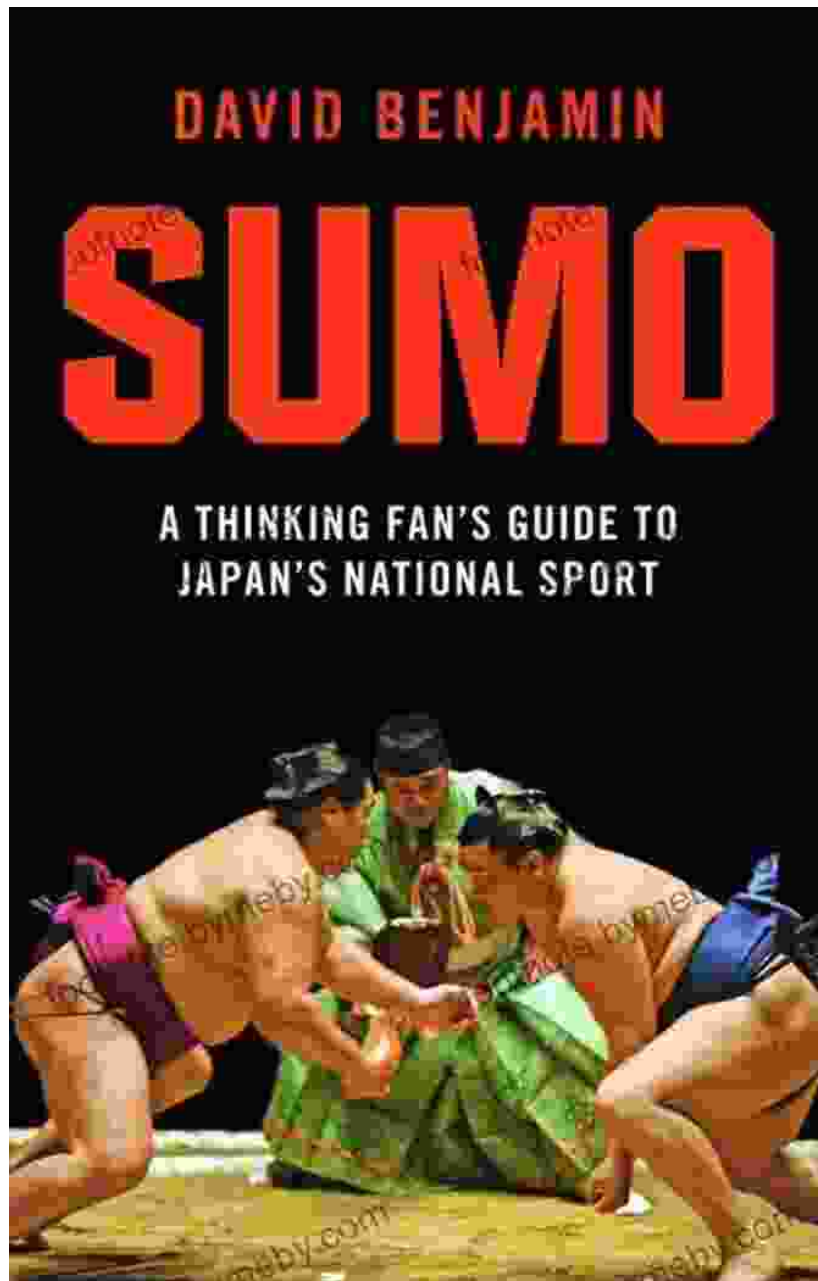
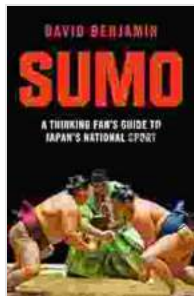


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Delve into the History and Tradition of Sumo

Journey back in time as the book delves into the captivating origins of sumo, tracing its roots back to the sacred rituals of ancient Shintoism. Explore the evolving nature of the sport, from its humble beginnings to its rise as a formalized system with established rules and traditions.

Immerse yourself in the unique customs and rituals surrounding sumo tournaments, gaining an understanding of the intricate etiquette and symbolism that permeates every aspect of the sport. Discover the significance of the *dohyo* (ring), the symbolic costumes, and the profound aura of respect that governs all interactions.

Master the Art of Sumo Techniques

Elevate your appreciation of sumo with a thorough examination of its dynamic techniques. Learn the art of *oshi* (pushing), *tsuki* (thrusting), and *nage* (throwing), as well as the specialized *kimarite* (winning moves) that define the sport's captivating nature.

Witness the strategic brilliance of master sumo wrestlers as you gain insight into their body positions, footwork, and the psychological tactics they employ to gain an edge over their formidable opponents. Delve into the intricate scoring system and the tension-filled *tachi-ai* (face-off) that sets the stage for each gripping bout.

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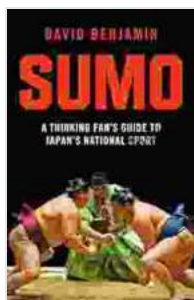
Discover the traditions and rituals that govern the wrestler's daily lives, from the strict *heya* (stable) hierarchy to the ancient customs surrounding their hair and grooming. Witness their unwavering dedication and the sacrifices they make in their pursuit of sumo glory.

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