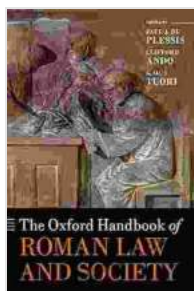


# The Oxford Handbook of Roman Law and Society: A Monumental Work on the Legal Landscape of Ancient Rome

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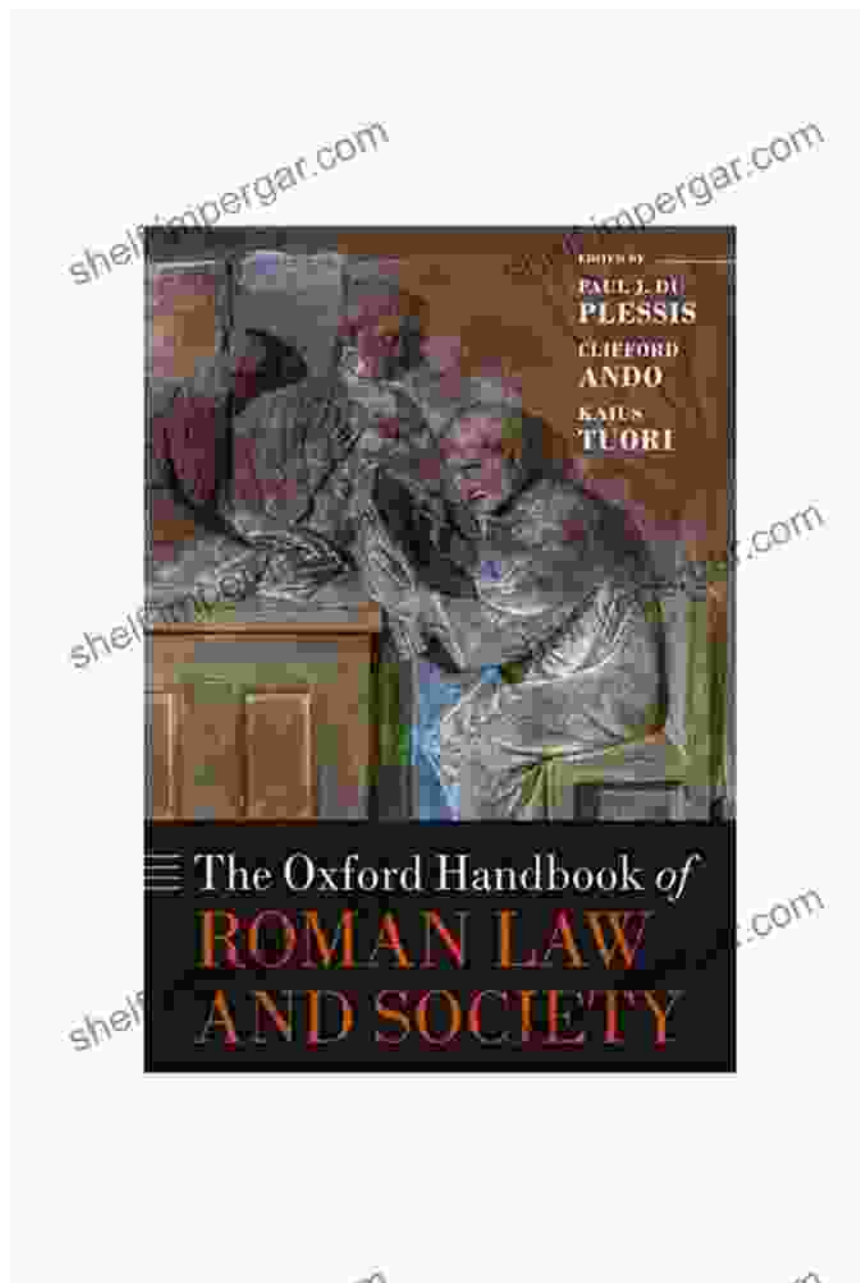


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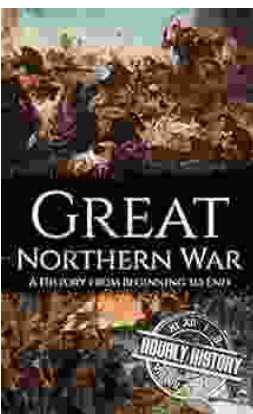


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