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## **The History of Jerusalem**

Jerusalem has a long and complex history. It was first settled by the Jebusites in the Bronze Age, and it was later conquered by the Israelites, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans. In the 7th century CE, Jerusalem was conquered by the Arabs, and it became a major center of Islamic culture. The city was later conquered by the Crusaders, and it was finally retaken by the Muslims in the 13th century. Jerusalem has been under Israeli control since 1967.

## **The Significance of Jerusalem**

Jerusalem is a holy city for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. The city is home to the Temple Mount, which is the holiest site in Judaism. It is also home to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is believed to be the site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The Dome of the Rock is a Muslim shrine that is built on the Temple Mount, and it is one of the most important sites in Islam.

## **Goldhill's Book**

Goldhill's book is a personal and passionate exploration of Jerusalem. He writes about the city's history, its people, and its religions. He also writes about the city's beauty and its pain. Goldhill's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand Jerusalem.

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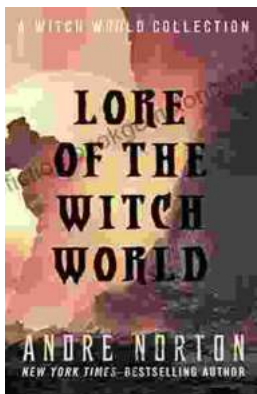
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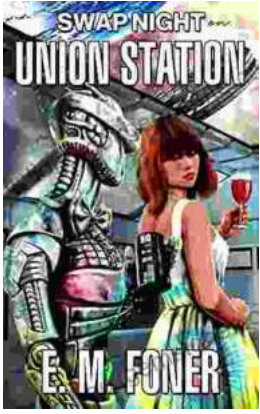
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