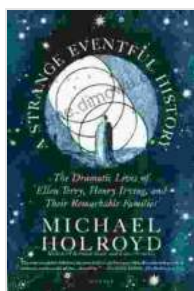


# The Dramatic Lives of Ellen Terry, Henry Irving, and Their Remarkable Families: A Captivating Literary Journey into Theatrical History

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The book delves into the complex relationships between Ellen Terry and her family. Her sister, Marion, was a talented actress in her own right, while her brother, Fred, struggled with mental illness. Terry's own marriage to the architect Edward Godwin was both passionate and tumultuous.

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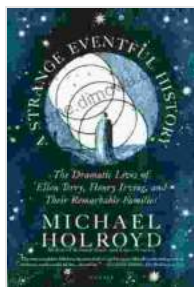
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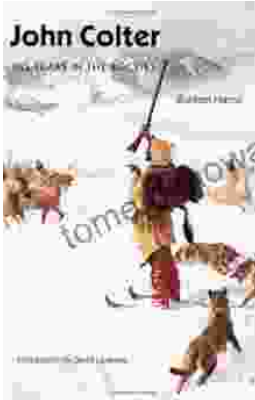
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