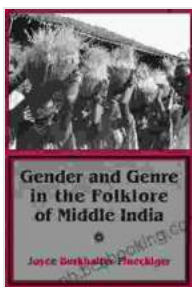


# Gender and Genre in the Folklore of Middle India: Myth and Poetics

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Scholars from diverse fields provide their unique perspectives, offering nuanced interpretations of the complex gender dynamics embedded within these cultural traditions. Together, they paint a vivid picture of the ways in which folklore reflects, challenges, and shapes societal norms.

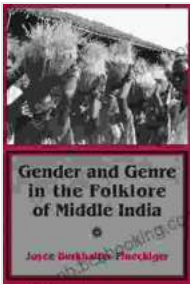
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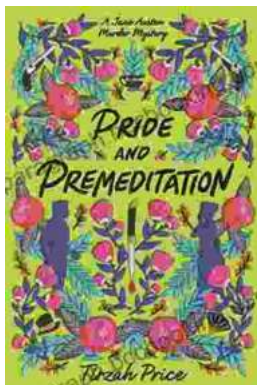
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