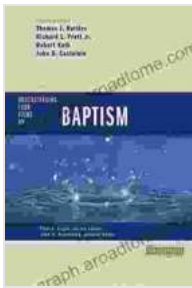


Understanding Four Views on Baptism: Counterpoints Church Life

Baptism is a central practice in the Christian faith, but there is significant diversity in how different Christian traditions understand and practice it. In this book, four leading scholars present their distinct views on baptism, offering a comprehensive overview of the major perspectives on this important sacrament.



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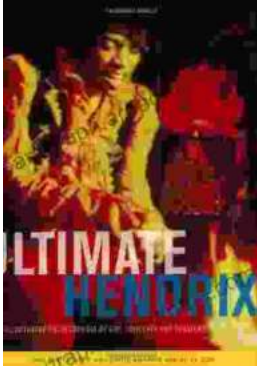
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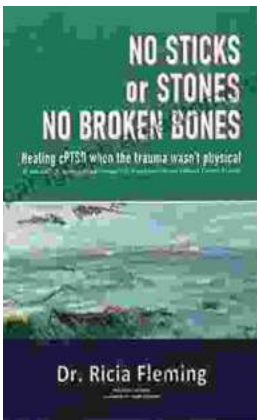
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