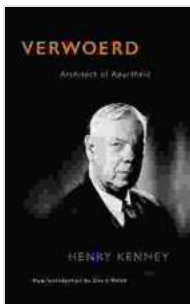


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Verwoerd was born in the Netherlands in 1901. He emigrated to South Africa in 1928 and soon became involved in politics. He joined the National Party in 1937 and was elected to Parliament in 1948. Verwoerd served as Minister of Native Affairs from 1950 to 1958 and as Prime Minister from 1958 to 1966.

During his time in office, Verwoerd implemented a series of laws that institutionalized apartheid. These laws segregated black South Africans from white South Africans in all aspects of life, from education to housing to employment. Verwoerd also cracked down on black opposition to apartheid, banning political organizations and imprisoning activists.

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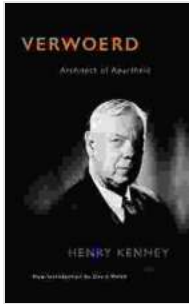
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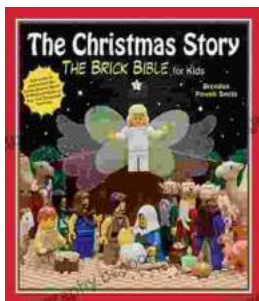


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