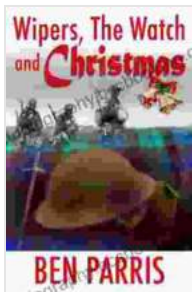


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The author, a young man named Frank Richards, was just 18 years old when he was conscripted into the British Army in 1940. He was assigned to the Royal Artillery as a wiper, responsible for cleaning and maintaining the guns. Richards' regiment was sent to France in 1944, where they fought in some of the fiercest battles of the war, including the Battle of the Bulge.

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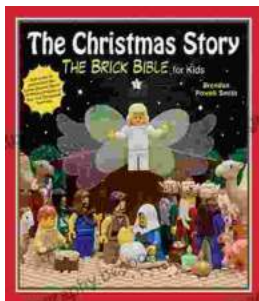
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