Supreme Power: Franklin Roosevelt Vs The Supreme Court

In the midst of the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs were challenged by a conservative Supreme Court. Roosevelt responded by proposing a plan to "pack" the Court with new justices who would be more sympathetic to his policies. This plan sparked a fierce battle between the President and the Court, and ultimately led to a major shift in the balance of power between the two branches of government.

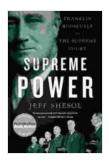
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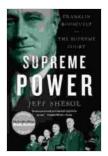
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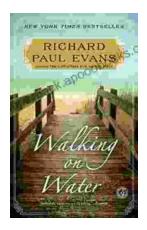
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