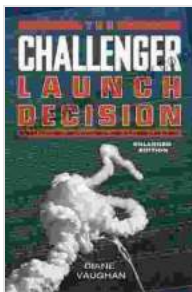


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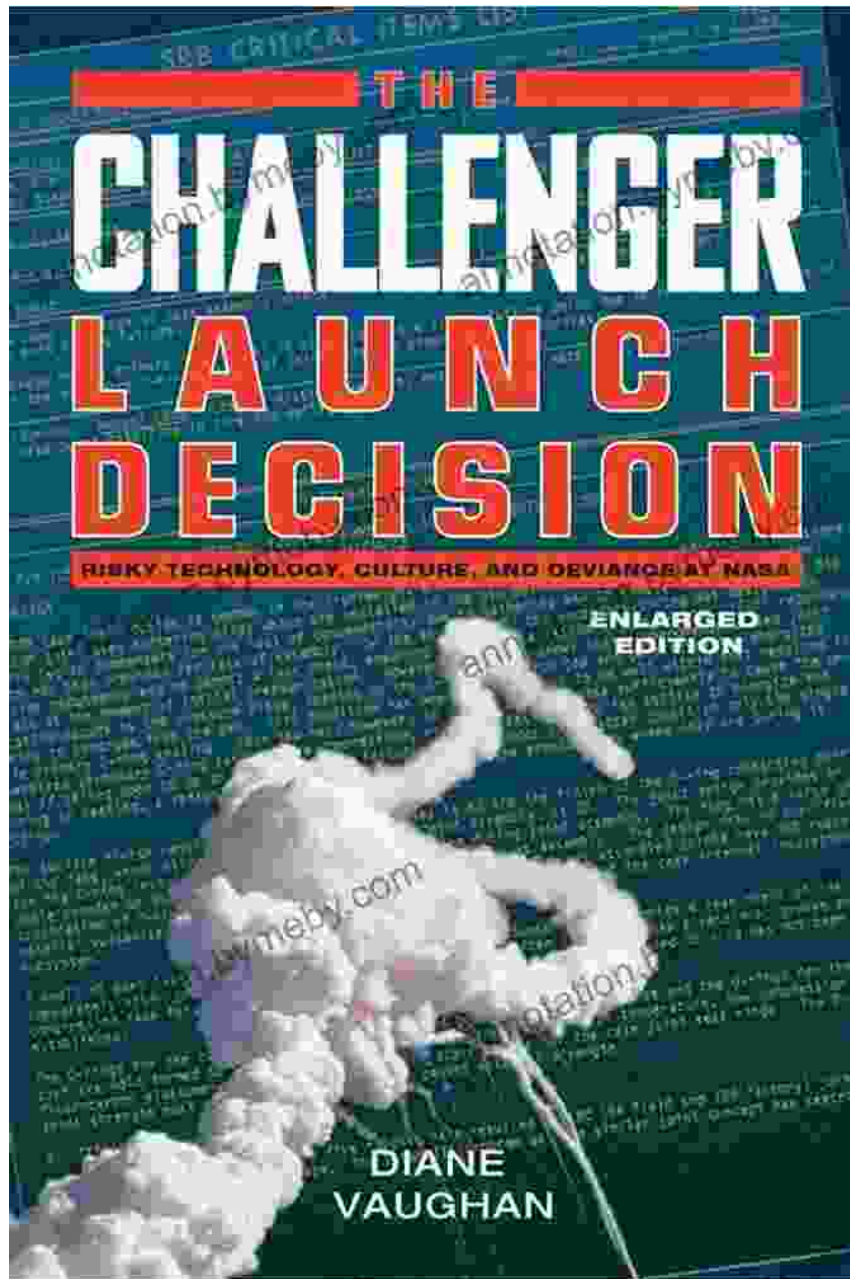
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- Fostering a culture of open communication and accountability.

- Balancing risk tolerance with adherence to safety regulations.
- Encouraging a responsible approach to technological innovation.

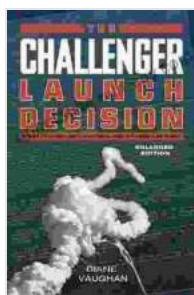
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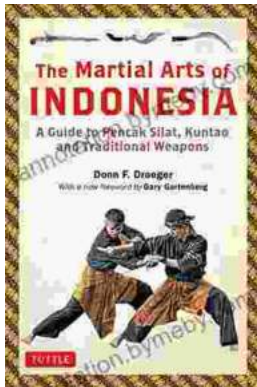
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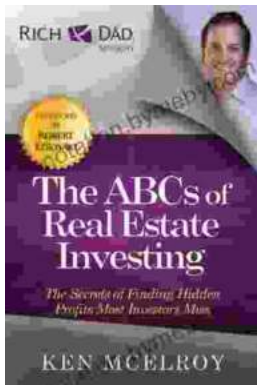
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