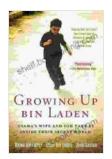
Growing Up Bin Laden: A Memoir of His Mother



In this fascinating and intimate memoir, Alia Ghanem, the mother of Osama bin Laden, offers a unique perspective on the childhood and formative years of the man who became one of the most notorious figures in history.

Based on interviews with bin Laden's family and friends, this book paints a vivid portrait of a complex and contradictory figure. We learn about bin Laden's early childhood in Saudi Arabia, his close relationship with his mother, and his education at a prestigious Islamic school. We also learn about his growing interest in politics and religion, and his eventual journey to Afghanistan to fight against the Soviet Union.



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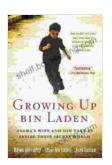
Ghanem's memoir helps us to understand the forces that shaped bin Laden's personality. She shows us a young man who was both intelligent and ambitious, but also deeply troubled. Bin Laden was haunted by the death of his father when he was young, and he struggled to find his place in the world.

Ghanem also reveals the profound influence that religion had on bin Laden's life. He was a devout Muslim who believed that he was fighting a holy war against the West. He was convinced that the United States was a threat to Islam, and he was determined to defend his religion by any means necessary.

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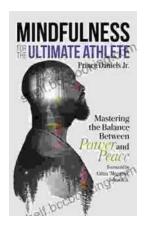
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