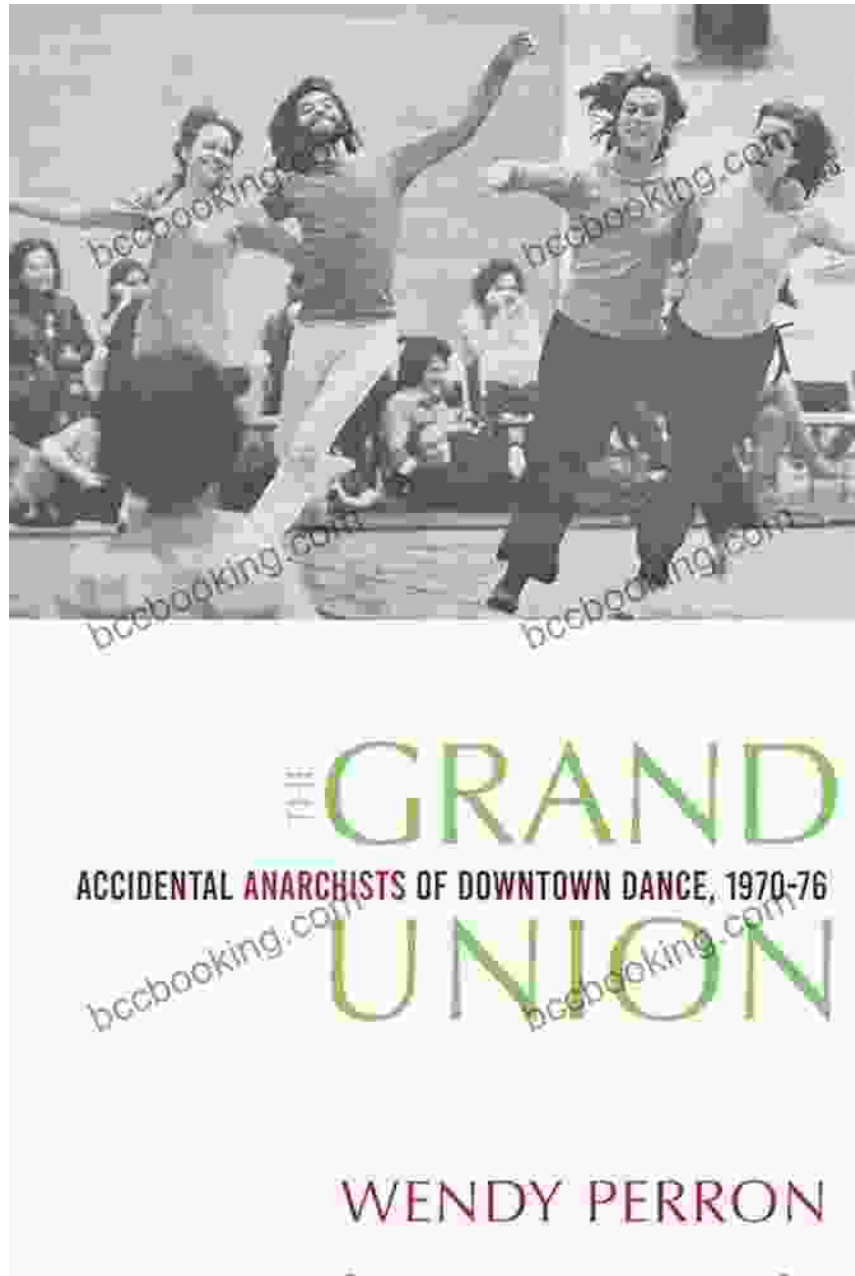
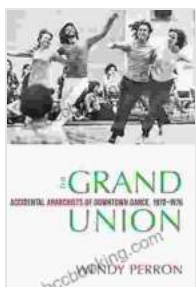


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### A Tapestry of Creative Chaos

The Grand Union emerged from a serendipitous meeting of four talented and restless spirits: Trisha Brown, Yvonne Rainer, Douglas Dunn, and Steve Paxton. Driven by a shared desire to break free from traditional dance forms, they embarked on an artistic adventure that would forever alter the landscape of contemporary dance.

Their approach was characterized by a blend of improvisation, everyday movements, and a rejection of hierarchy. The Grand Union's performances were unpredictable, often incorporating elements of chance, humor, and

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