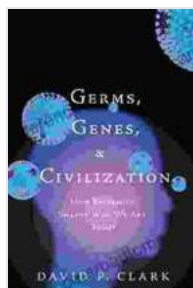


# How Epidemics Shaped Who We Are Today: Unlocking the Legacy of Plagues, Pandemics, and Outbreaks



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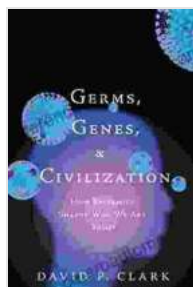
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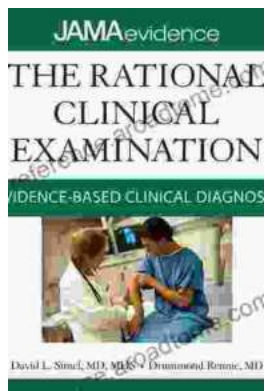
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