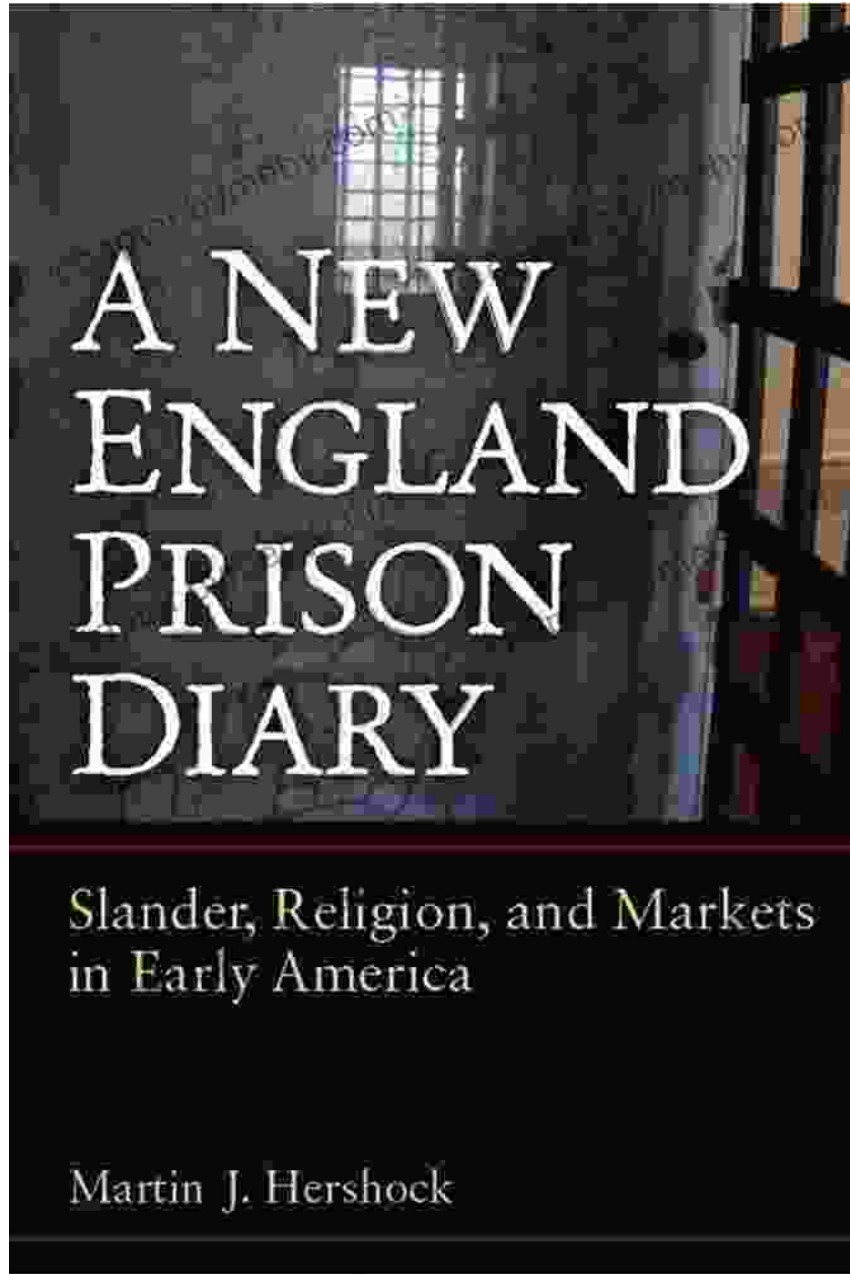
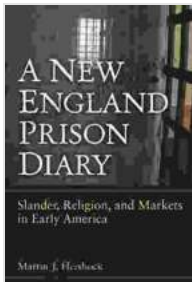


# Unveiling the Hidden Truths: Slander, Religion, and Markets in Early America



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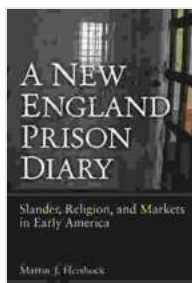
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