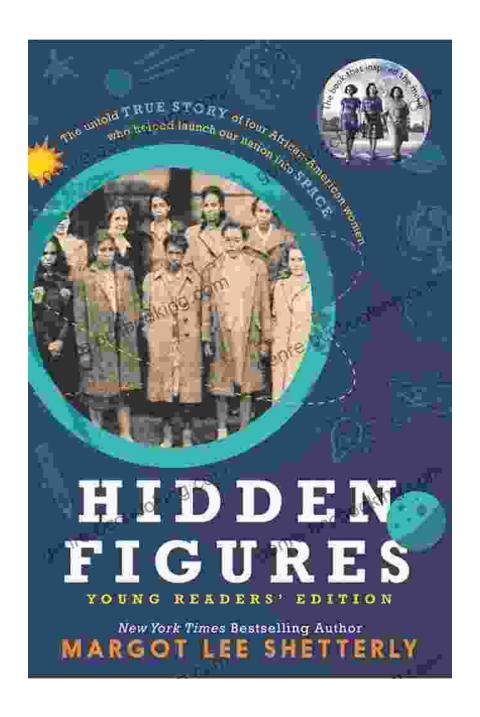
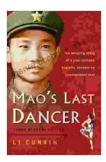
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Mao's Last Dancer: A Young Reader's Edition is an inspiring and suspenseful novel by Li Cunxin. The novel tells the true story of Li Cunxin, a young Chinese ballet dancer who defected to the United States in 1981. The novel is a must-read for young readers who are interested in dance, history, or overcoming adversity.

#### **The Story**

Li Cunxin was born in China in 1961. At the age of eleven, he was selected to attend the Beijing Dance Academy, one of the most prestigious ballet schools in the world. Li Cunxin excelled at ballet, and he quickly became one of the top students in his class. However, life at the Beijing Dance

Academy was厳しい(きびしい)and demanding. The students were forced to train for long hours, and they were often punished for making mistakes. Despite the challenges, Li Cunxin persevered, and he eventually became one of the best ballet dancers in China.

In 1981, Li Cunxin was invited to perform in the United States with a group of other Chinese dancers. While he was in the United States, Li Cunxin realized that he wanted to defect. He knew that if he returned to China, he would never be able to dance freely again. With the help of some friends, Li Cunxin defected to the United States, and he quickly became one of the most famous ballet dancers in the world.

#### The Themes

Mao's Last Dancer: A Young Reader's Edition is a story about many things, including:

- The power of dreams
- The importance of perseverance
- The courage to follow your heart
- The challenges of living in a totalitarian society
- The beauty of dance

Li Cunxin's story is an inspiration to anyone who has ever dreamed of achieving something great. It is a reminder that anything is possible if you are willing to work hard and never give up on your dreams.

#### **The Author**

Li Cunxin was born in China in 1961. He began studying ballet at the age of eleven, and he quickly became one of the top students in his class. In 1981, Li Cunxin defected to the United States, and he quickly became one of the most famous ballet dancers in the world. Li Cunxin has written several books about his life, including **Mao's Last Dancer** and **The Dance Alone**. He is currently a professor of dance at the University of Texas at Austin.

Reviews

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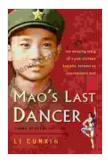
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