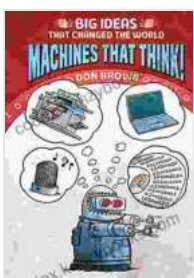
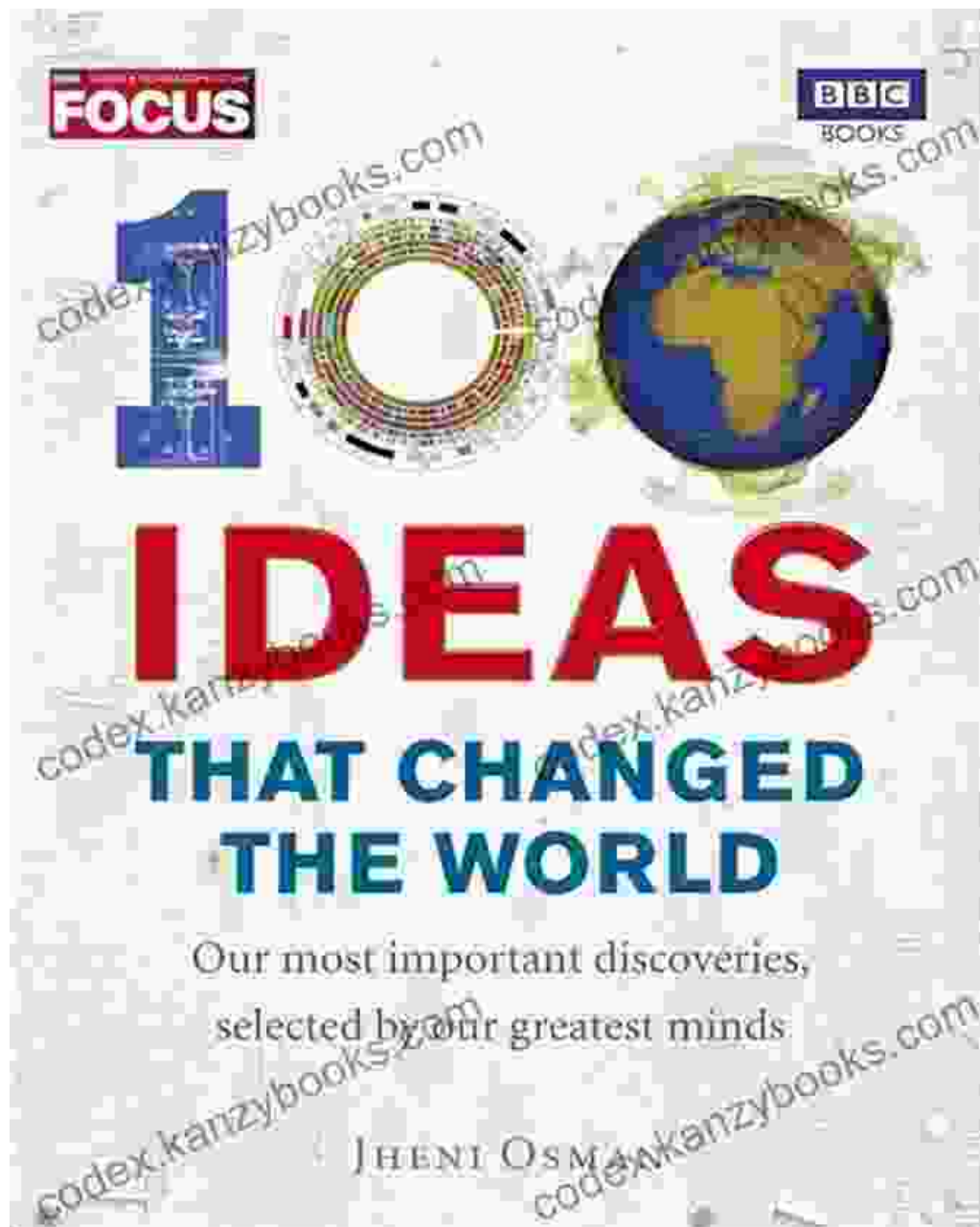


# **Unveiling the Transformative Power of Ideas: Explore "Big Ideas That Changed the World"**

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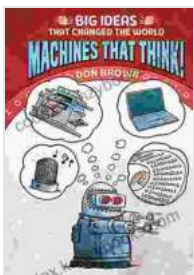
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Tim Berners-Lee's invention of the World Wide Web has made vast amounts of knowledge and entertainment available at our fingertips. Social media platforms have created virtual communities, facilitated activism, and amplified diverse voices. The digital revolution continues to reshape our lives, shaping the way we work, learn, and interact with the world around us.

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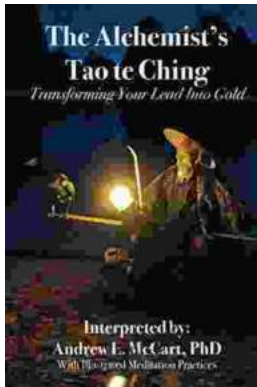
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