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George Ohr was a complex and fascinating man. Born in 1857 to German immigrant parents in Biloxi, Mississippi, he showed an early talent for art. He apprenticed with a local potter at the age of 13 and quickly developed a mastery of the craft.

In 1883, Ohr moved to New Orleans, where he established a successful pottery business. He quickly became known for his innovative and beautiful ceramics, which were often decorated with intricate patterns and glazes. Ohr's work was exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, where it won a gold medal.

Despite his success, Ohr's personal life was often troubled. He struggled with poverty and mental illness, and he was frequently at odds with his family and friends. In 1909, he was committed to a mental hospital, where he spent the rest of his life.

Despite his challenges, Ohr continued to create art until the end of his life. His work is now considered to be among the most important and innovative American ceramics of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

This book tells the story of Ohr's life and work. It is a fascinating and inspiring story of a man who overcame adversity to create some of the most beautiful and unique ceramics of his time.

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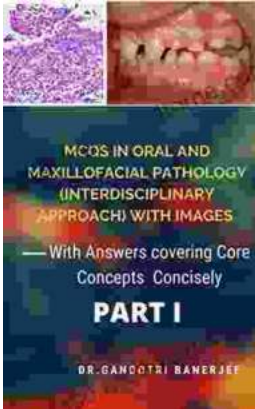
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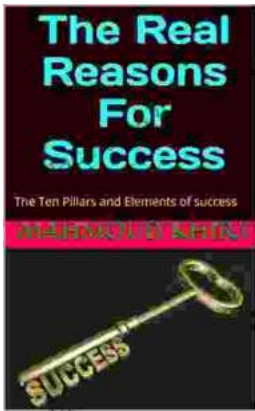
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