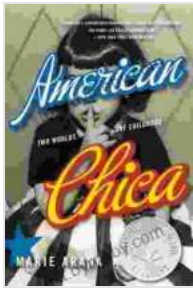


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About the Author

Esmeralda Santiago is a critically acclaimed author and professor. She is the author of the bestselling memoir *When I Was Puerto Rican*, as well as several other novels and works of nonfiction. Santiago's work has been translated into over 20 languages and has received numerous awards, including the American Book Award and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award.

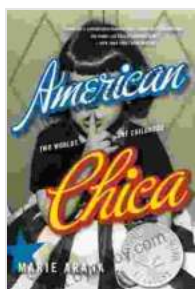
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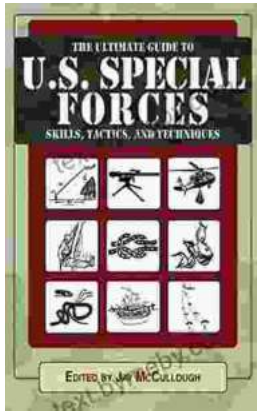
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