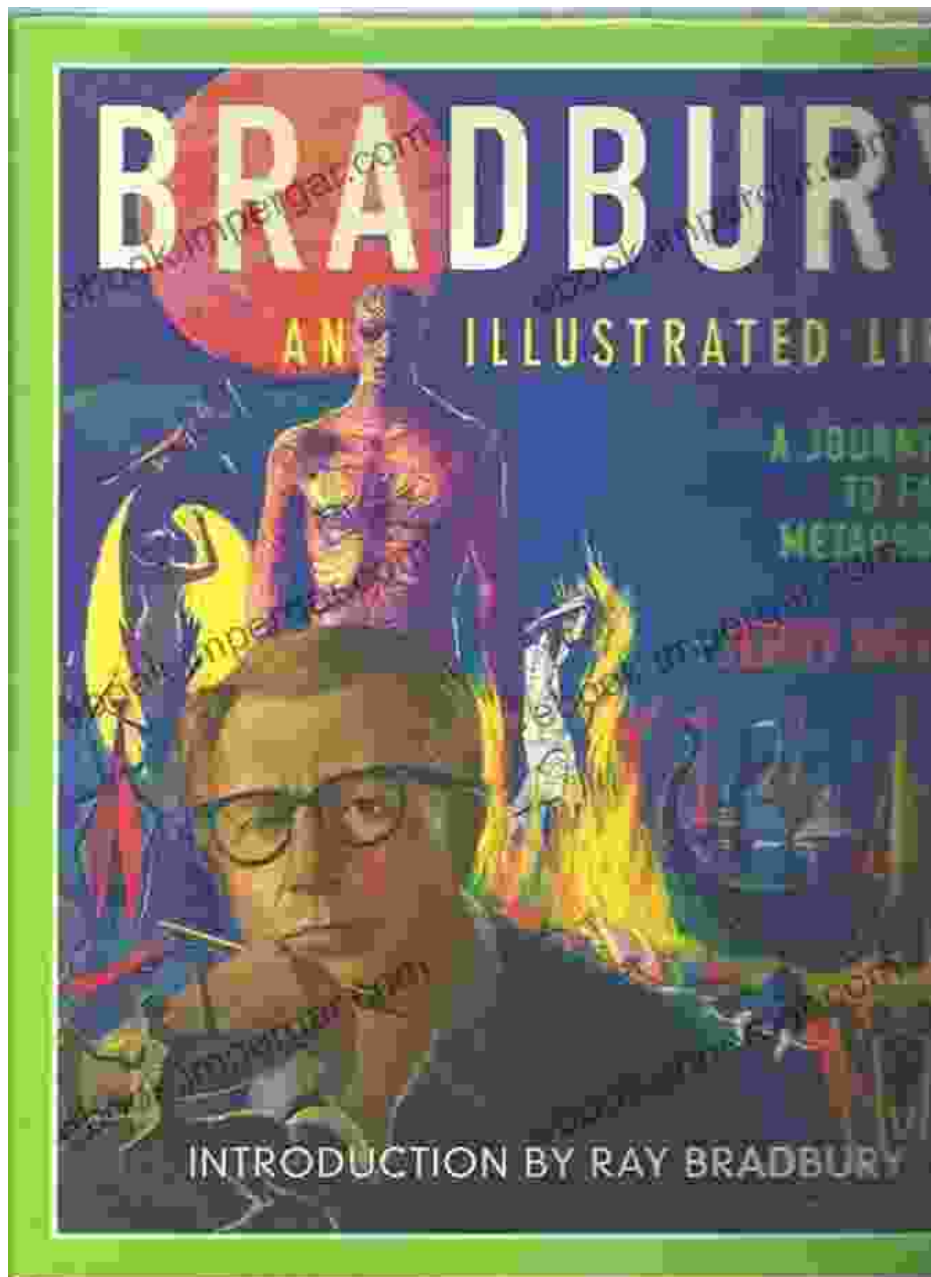


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Born in Pittsburgh in 1915, Strayhorn's extraordinary talent was evident from an early age. His unique blend of classical music and jazz harmonies pushed the boundaries of the genre. Yet, despite his creative brilliance, Strayhorn often found himself overshadowed by his mentor and bandleader, Duke Ellington.

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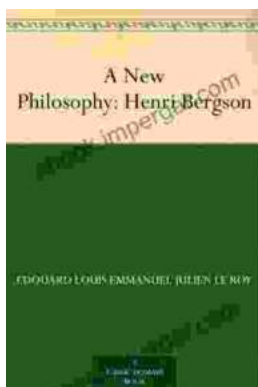
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