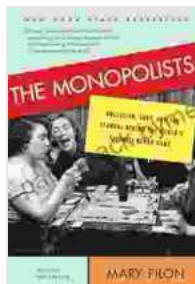


# Obsession, Fury, and the Scandal Behind the World's Favorite Board Game



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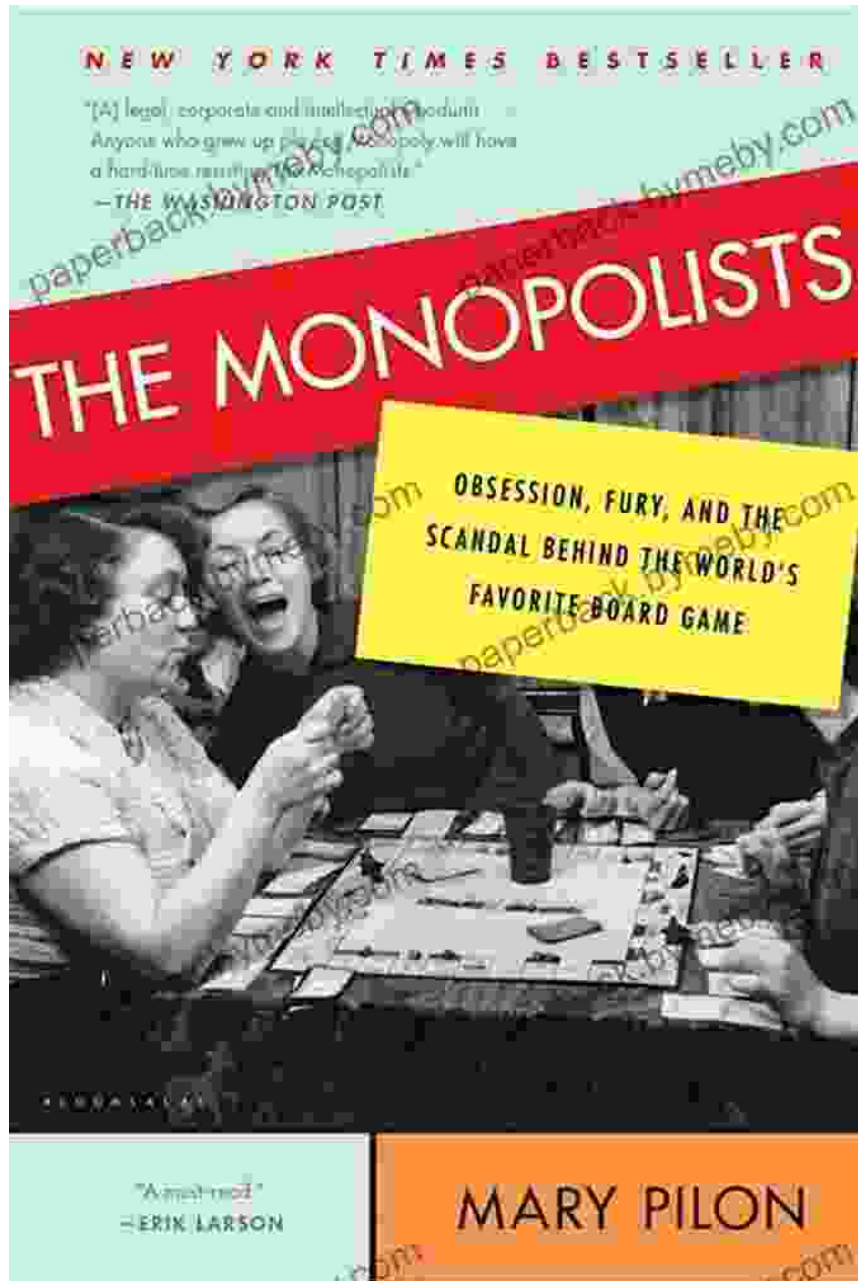
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Pilon's book tells the story of Elizabeth Magie, a brilliant inventor who created the original version of Monopoly in 1903. Magie's game, which she called "The Landlord's Game," was designed to teach people about the evils of capitalism. But when Darrow stole Magie's idea and patented it as his own, she was furious. A bitter legal battle ensued, and Magie eventually won a small settlement from Parker Brothers, the company that manufactured Monopoly.

But the story doesn't end there. Pilon also reveals that Parker Brothers engaged in a decades-long campaign to suppress the truth about Monopoly's origins. The company threatened to sue anyone who dared to suggest that Darrow was not the sole inventor of the game. And it even went so far as to destroy all copies of Magie's original game.

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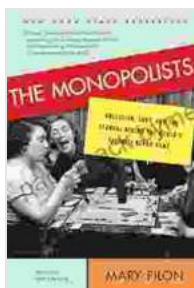
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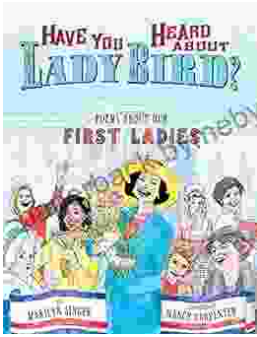
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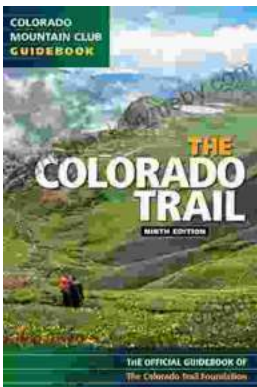
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