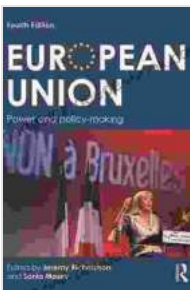


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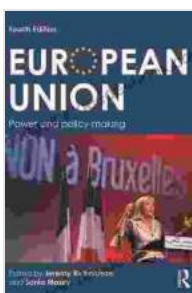
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The European Commission is the executive body of the EU. It is composed of 27 commissioners, one from each EU member state. The commissioners are appointed by the European Council and approved by the European Parliament. The Commission has the power to propose legislation, to implement legislation adopted by the European Parliament and the European Council, and to enforce EU law. The Commission also plays a role in the negotiations of international agreements between the EU and other countries.

The Court of Justice of the European Union

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) is the highest court of the EU. It is composed of 27 judges, one from each EU member state. The CJEU has the power to interpret EU law and to ensure that it is applied consistently throughout the EU. The CJEU also has the power to annul legislation adopted by the European Parliament and the European Council that it finds to be in violation of EU law.

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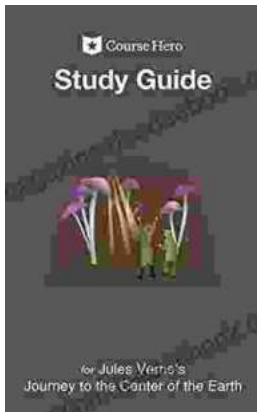
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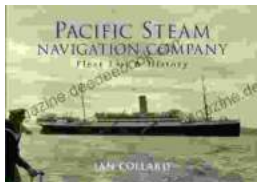
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