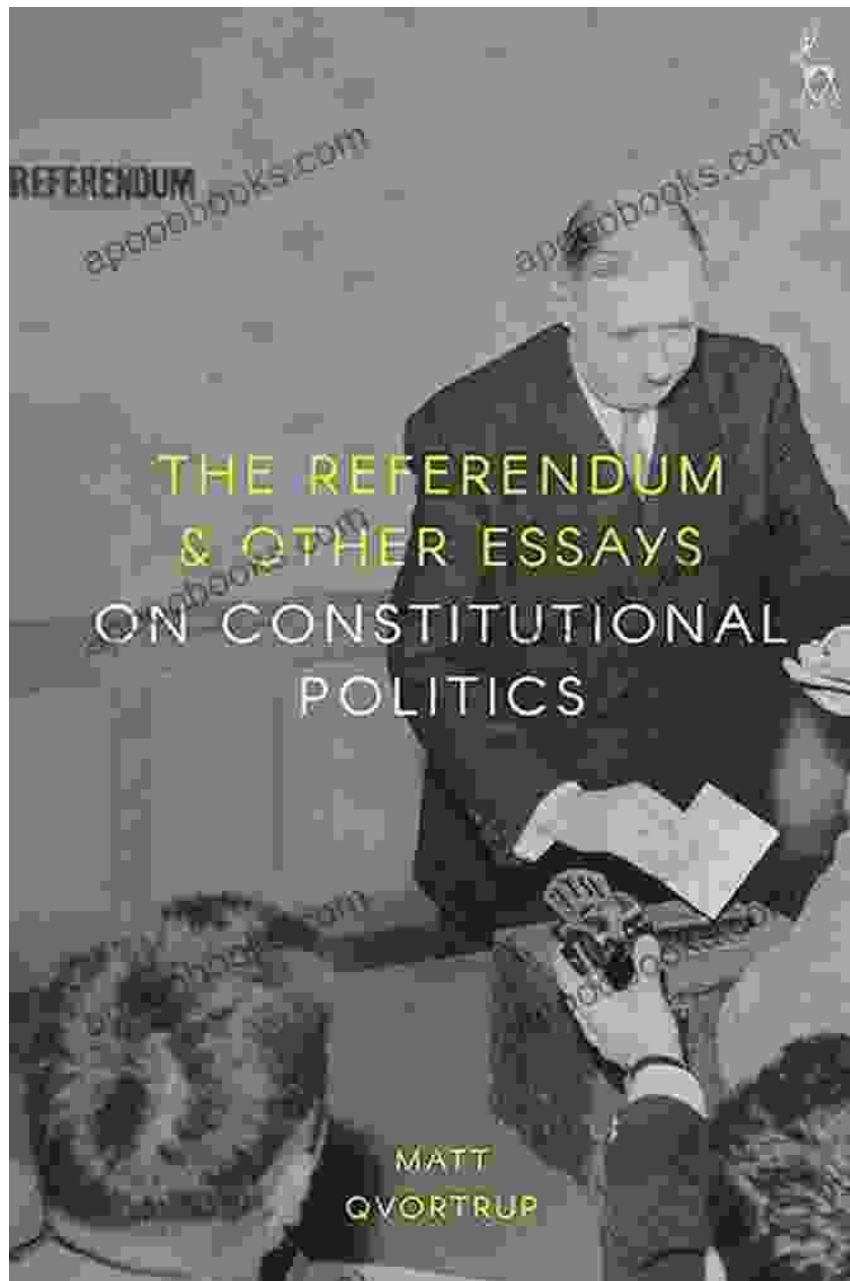


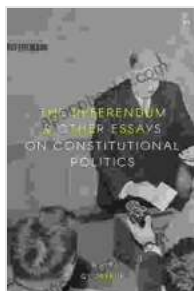
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McGinnis then examines the theory of referendums, arguing that they can be justified on both democratic and constitutional grounds. He contends that referendums allow citizens to have a direct say in how they are governed, and that they can help to ensure that laws are in line with the will of the people. However, McGinnis also acknowledges the potential drawbacks of referendums, such as the possibility that they can be used to

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