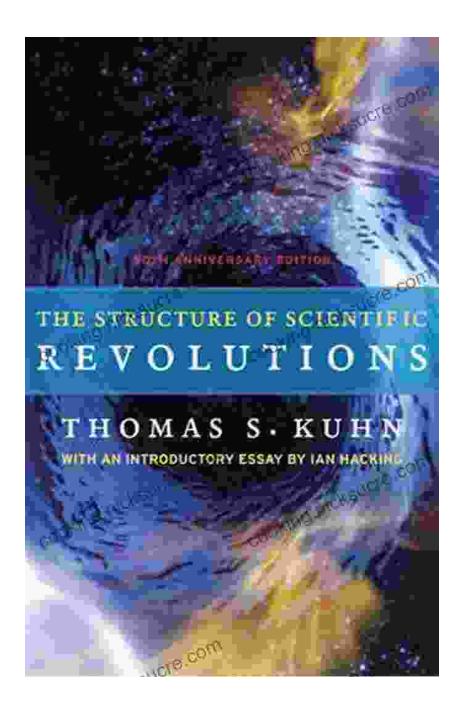
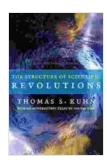
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challenged the prevailing view of scientific progress as a linear accumulation of knowledge. Kuhn argued that science progresses through a series of revolutions, where new theories replace old ones in a paradigm shift. This 50th anniversary edition includes a new by Ian Hacking.



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### **Key Concepts**

Kuhn's theory of scientific revolutions is based on the following key concepts:

- Paradigm: A paradigm is a set of shared beliefs, values, and assumptions that define a scientific community. A paradigm provides a framework for scientists to interpret data and conduct research.
- Normal science: Normal science is the day-to-day work of scientists within a paradigm. During normal science, scientists solve puzzles and extend the existing paradigm.

- Scientific revolution: A scientific revolution occurs when a new paradigm replaces an old one. Scientific revolutions are often triggered by the accumulation of anomalies, or data that cannot be explained by the existing paradigm.
- Paradigm shift: A paradigm shift is the process by which a new paradigm replaces an old one. Paradigm shifts are often accompanied by a change in worldview and a new understanding of the natural world.

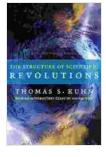
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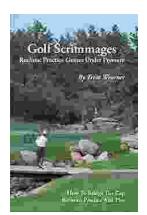
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