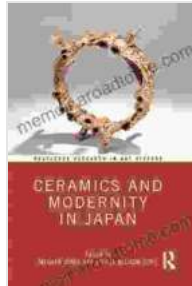


Unveiling the Convergence of Tradition and Innovation: Ceramics and Modernity in Japan



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Modern Japanese ceramic vase inspired by traditional forms

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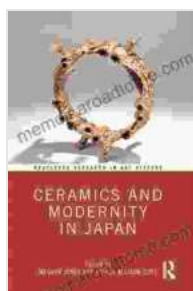
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