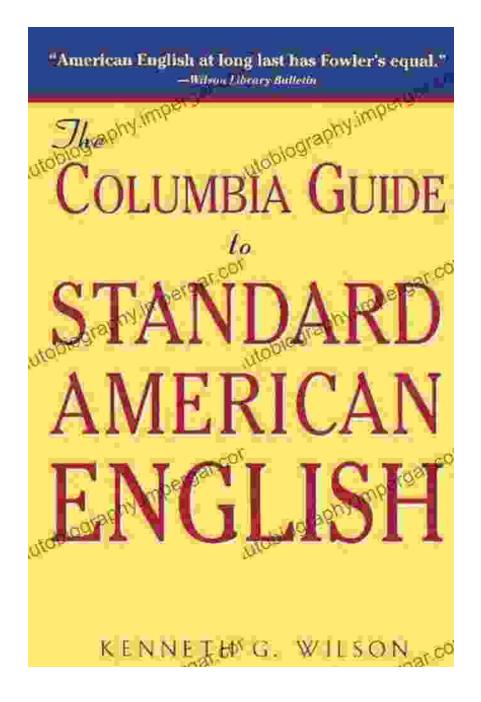
Master the Art of Language: Unlocking the Secrets of The Columbia Guide to Standard American English

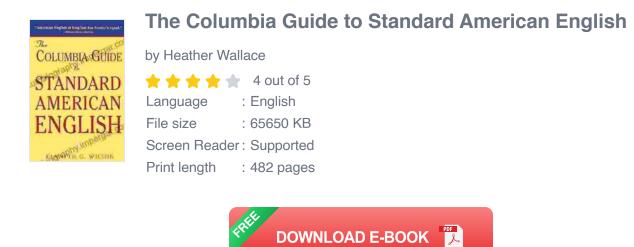


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