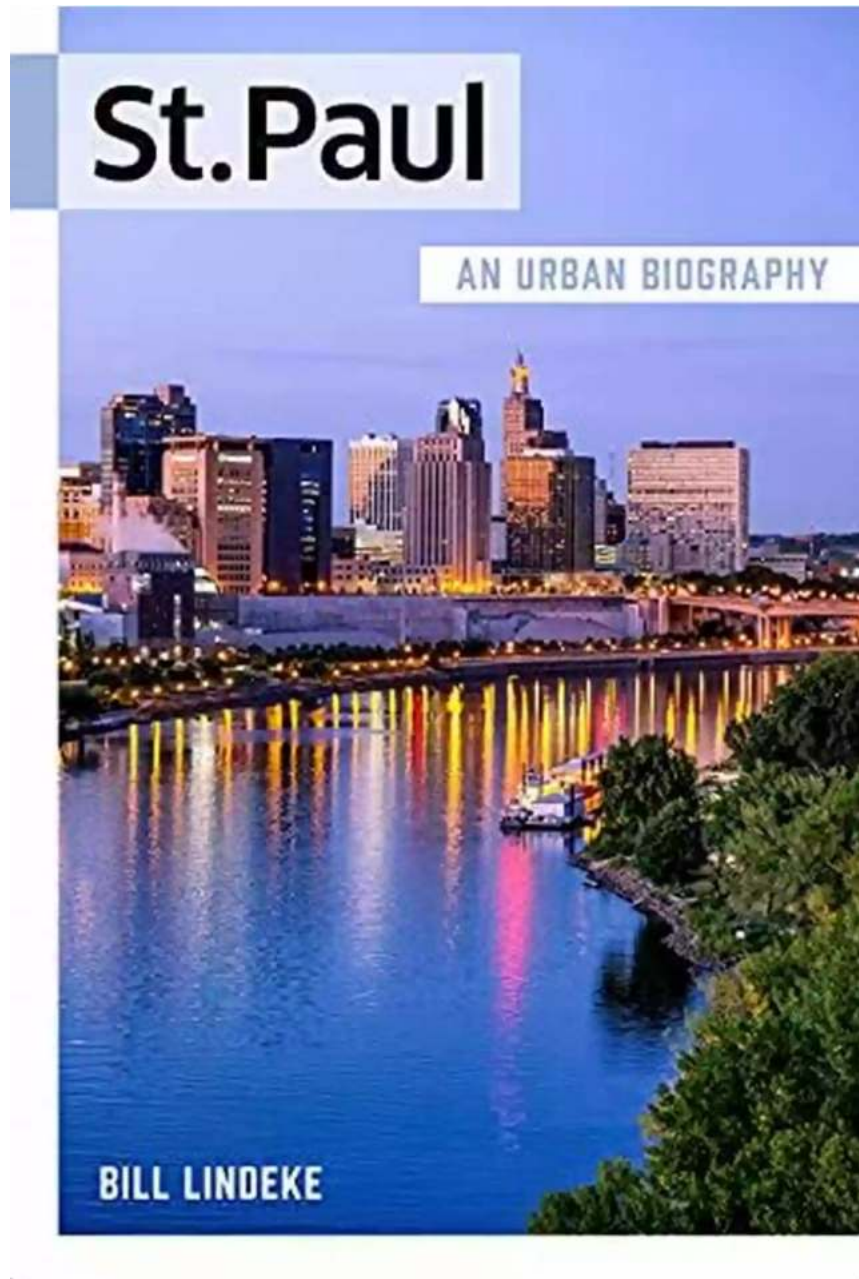


# From Persecutor to Apostle: Unveiling the Urban Evolution of St. Paul!

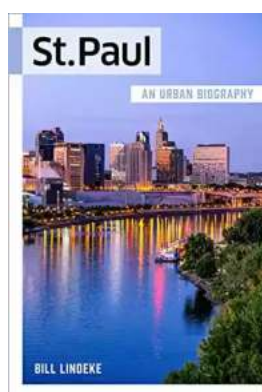


Discover the captivating journey of St. Paul, one of the most influential figures in Christian history. This urban biography delves deep into the life and transformation of Paul, who went from being a fierce persecutor of early Christians to an indispensable advocate and writer of the New Testament. Walk

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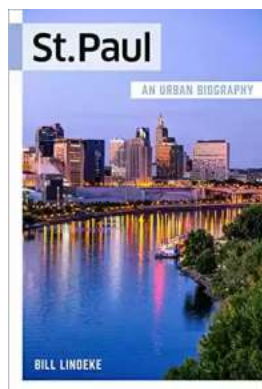
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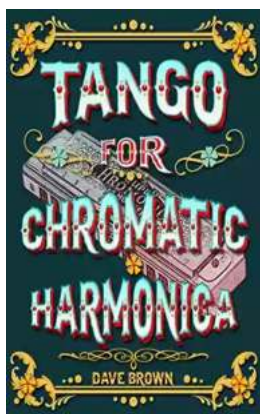
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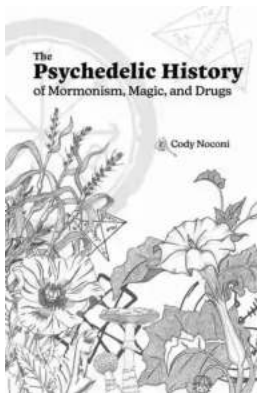
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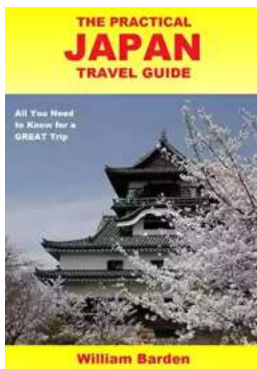
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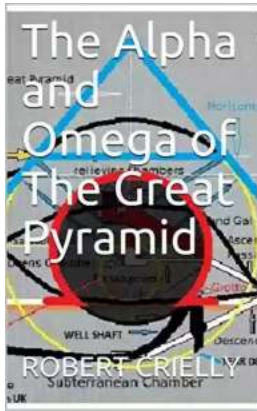
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