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Southgate argues that the Labour Party has always been a coalition of these two traditions. At times, the radical tradition has been dominant, as in the early years of the party and during the period of the Attlee government. At other times, the moderate tradition has been dominant, as in the period of the Wilson government and the New Labour era. However, Southgate argues that the Labour Party has always been strongest when it has been able to combine the best of both traditions.

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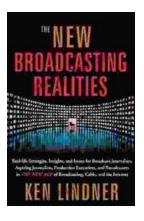
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