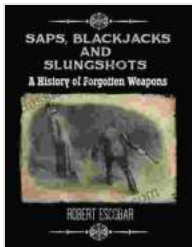


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The history of police violence in America is long and ugly. It dates back to the days of slavery, when white slave patrols used violence to keep enslaved people in line. After the Civil War, police violence was used to suppress the civil rights movement and to keep African Americans segregated.

In the 20th century, police violence continued to be used to target people of color. During the Civil Rights Era, police officers used dogs, fire hoses, and billy clubs to attack peaceful protesters. In the 1990s, police officers in Los

Angeles beat Rodney King, a Black man, after a traffic stop. The video of the beating sparked outrage and led to the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

Today, police violence continues to be a major problem. In 2020, police officers killed over 1,000 people in the United States. The vast majority of these victims were people of color.

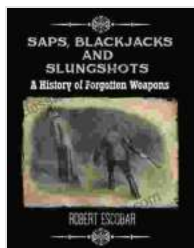
The problem of police violence is complex. There are many factors that contribute to it, including racism, poverty, and lack of accountability.

There are a number of things that can be done to address the problem of police violence. These include:

- Increasing accountability for police officers
- Investing in community policing
- Addressing the root causes of crime, such as poverty and lack of opportunity

Saps, Blackjacks, and Slungshots: A History of Police Violence in America is a comprehensive and unflinching look at the history of police violence in the United States. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the current state of policing in America.

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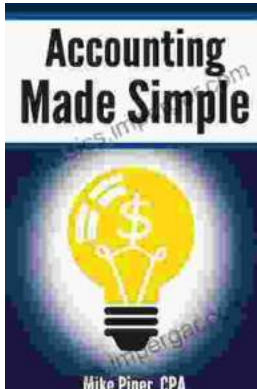
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