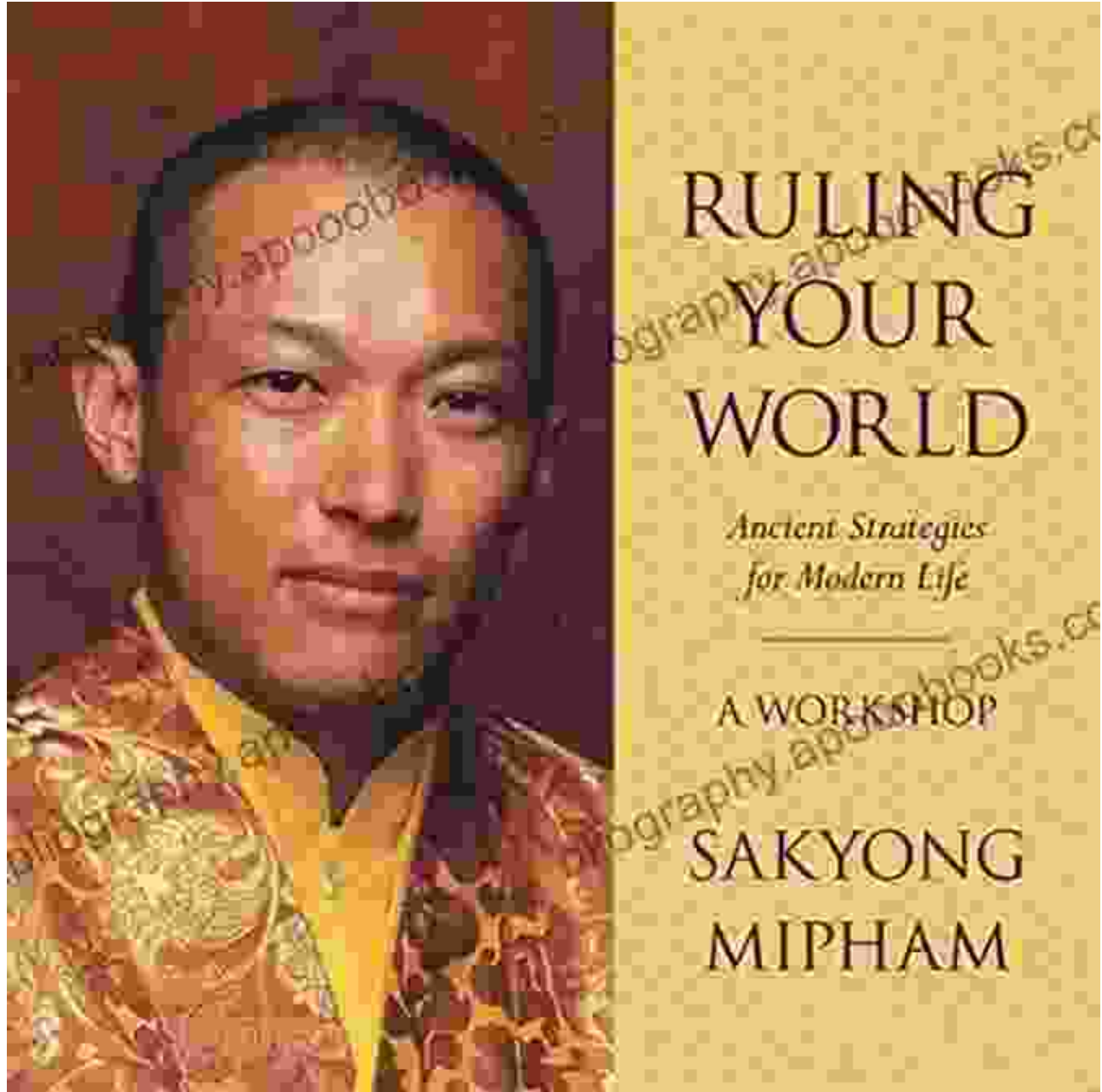


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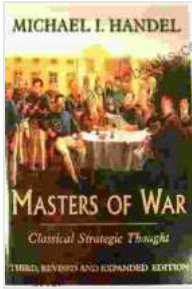


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Clausewitz, the Prussian general and military theorist, wrote about war in the early 19th century. Clausewitz believed that war is a complex and

unpredictable phenomenon, and that there is no such thing as a perfect strategy. He emphasized the importance of friction, chance, and the human element in war.

Mao Zedong, the Chinese communist leader, wrote about war in the mid-20th century. Mao believed that war is a continuation of politics by other means, and that it can be used to achieve political objectives. He emphasized the importance of mass mobilization, guerrilla warfare, and psychological warfare.

Hanson concludes by arguing that the masters of war have much to teach us about the nature of conflict and the challenges of waging war in the modern world. He believes that we can learn from their successes and failures, and that their insights can help us to avoid the mistakes of the past.

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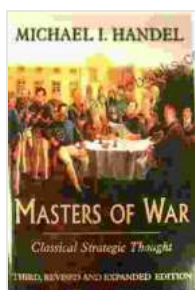
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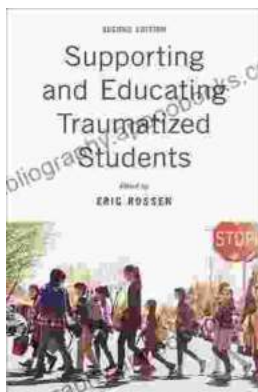
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