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In a world dominated by men, the role of women has often been overlooked or marginalized. But throughout history, there have been countless women who have wielded great power and influence, shaping the course of events and leaving an indelible mark on the world. Among these remarkable women were the queens of medieval and early modern Western Europe.

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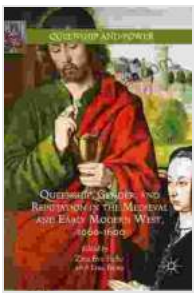

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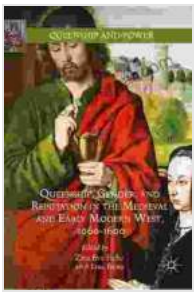

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