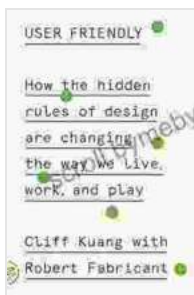# How the Hidden Rules of Design Are Changing the Way We Live, Work, and Play

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- **Simplicity:** Good design is simple and easy to understand. It avoids unnecessary complexity and clutter.

- **Clarity:** Good design is clear and concise. It communicates its message effectively without being ambiguous.

- **Consistency:** Good design is consistent throughout. It uses similar elements and principles to create a unified experience.

- **Balance:** Good design is balanced. It distributes visual weight evenly and creates a sense of harmony.

li>**Hierarchy:** Good design uses hierarchy to create a visual flow. It emphasizes important elements and makes it easy for users to find what they are looking for.

Cairo shows how these principles are applied in a wide range of design contexts, from product design to architecture to user interface design.

He also explores how the hidden rules of design are changing the way we live, work, and play. For example, the rise of digital technology has led to a greater emphasis on simplicity and clarity in design. The need for products and services that are easy to use and understand has become increasingly important.

Similarly, the globalization of the economy has led to a greater demand for consistency in design. Products and services that are designed for a global audience need to be able to communicate effectively across different cultures and languages.

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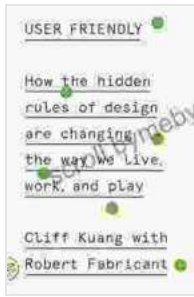
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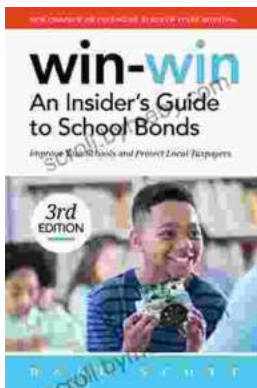## User Friendly: How the Hidden Rules of Design Are Changing the Way We Live, Work, and Play by Cliff Kuang

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