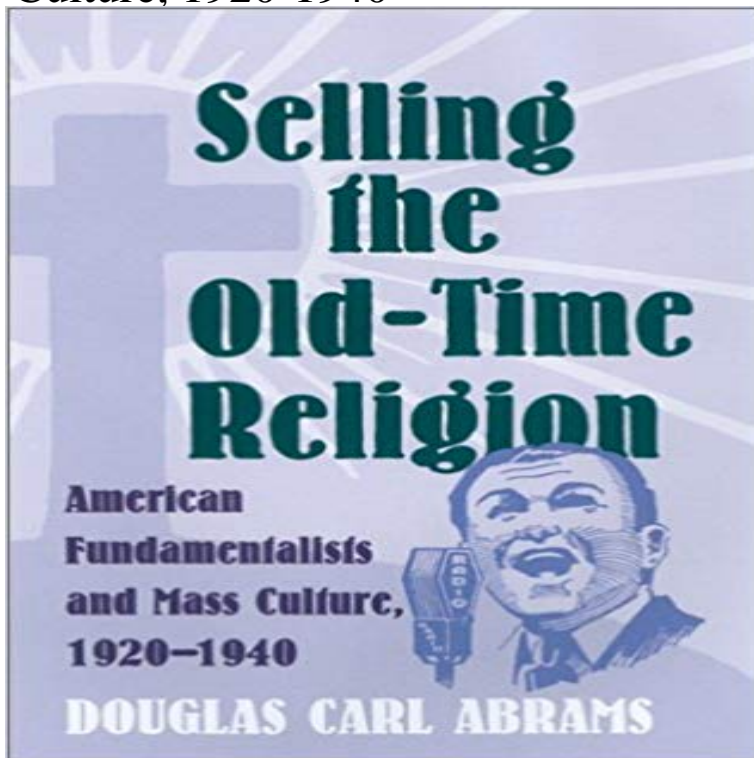


Selling the Old-Time Religion: American Fundamentalists and Mass Culture, 1920-1940



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help explain their success in the decades following it. In the end fundamentalists imitated mass culture not to be like the world but to evangelize it.

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