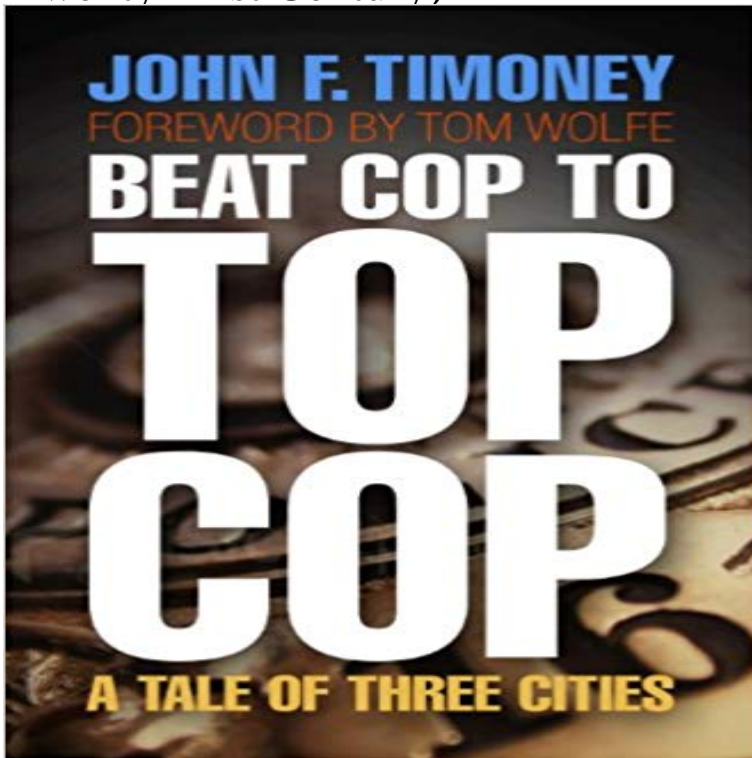# Beat Cop to Top Cop: A Tale of Three Cities (The City in the Twenty-First Century)

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