

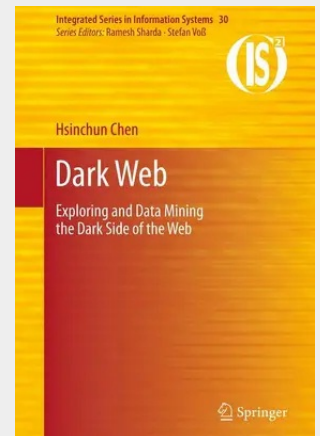
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Exploring and Data Mining the Dark Side of the Web

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