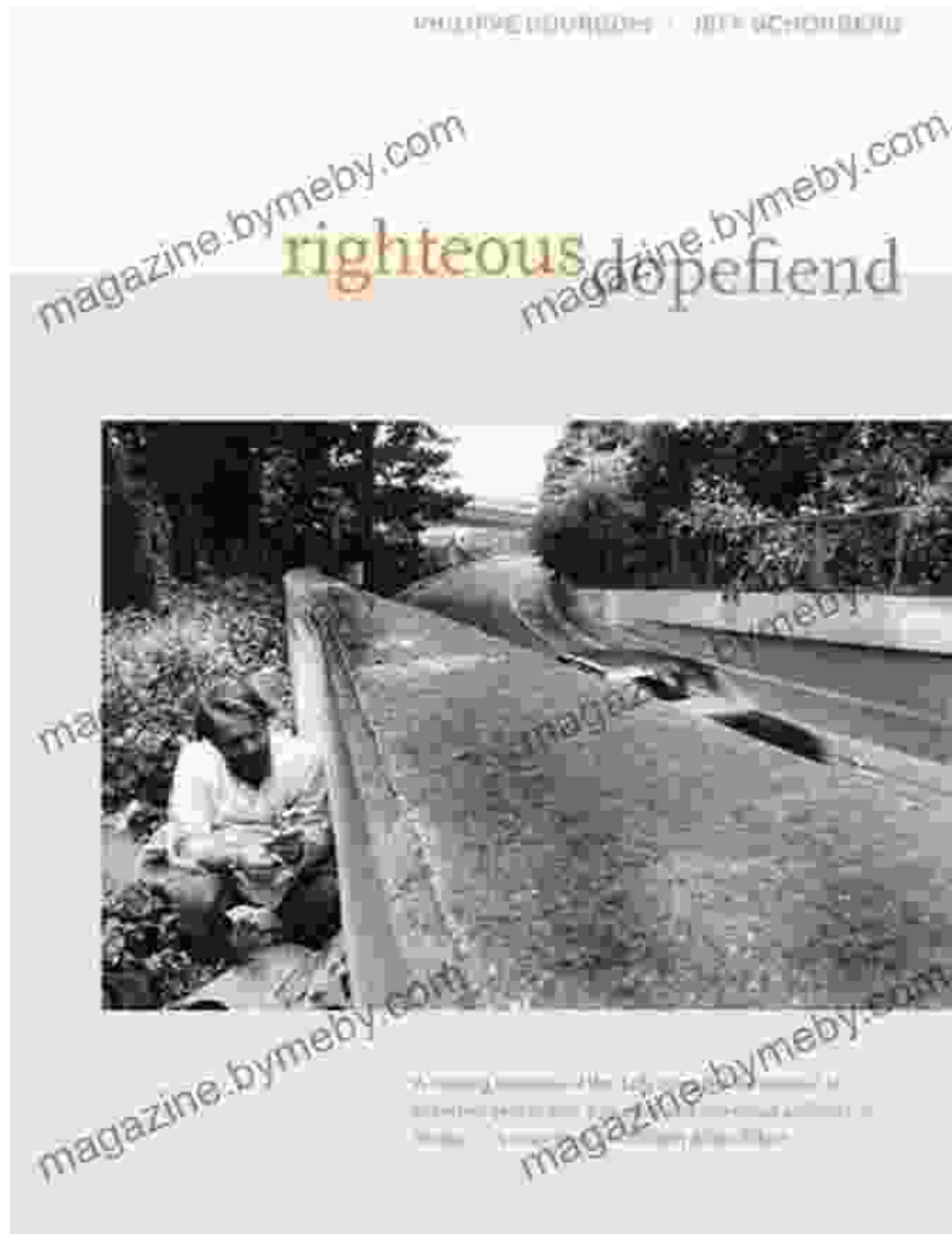


Righteous Dopefiend: California in Public Anthropology



By Philippe Bourgois and Jeff Schonberg

Righteous Dopefiend is a groundbreaking ethnography that explores the lives of drug users in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. The book is

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