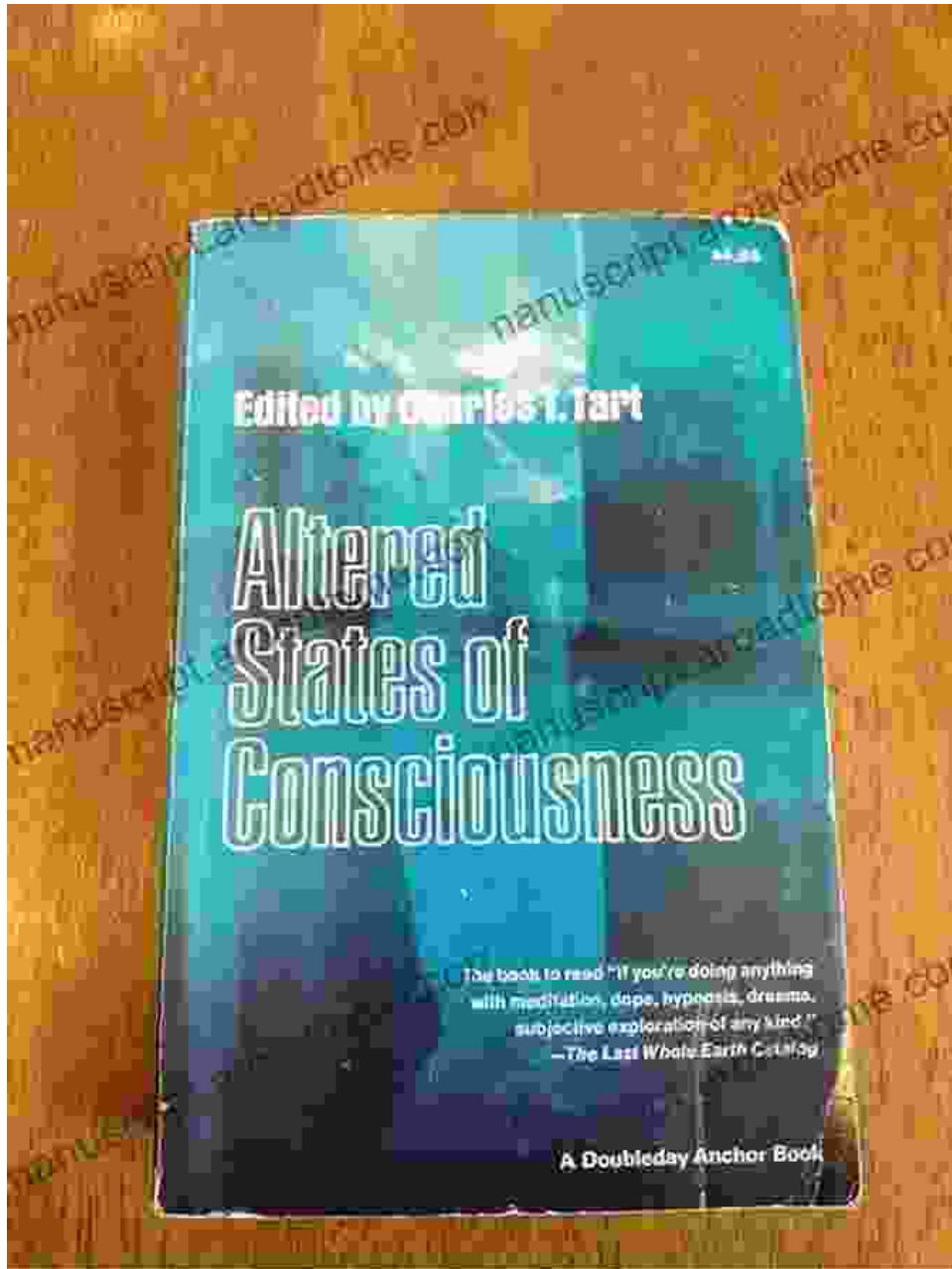


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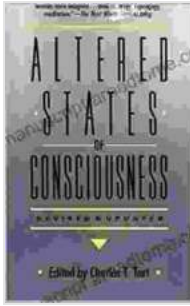
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Tart classifies ASCs into three primary categories:

- **Sensory-perceptual alterations:** Changes in sensory perception, such as visual hallucinations or auditory distortions.
- **Cognitive-affective alterations:** Modifications in emotions, thoughts, and beliefs, leading to profound insights and personal growth.
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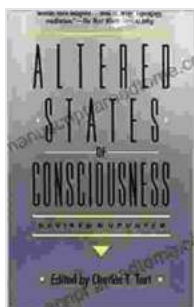
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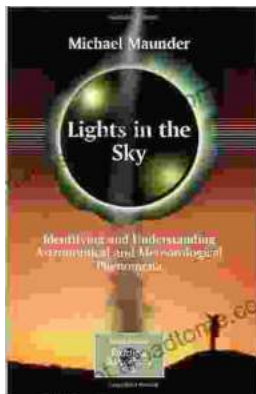
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