



Closed Captioning: Subtitling, Stenography, and the Digital Convergence of Text with Television (Hardback)

By Gregory J. Downey

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