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marvelously provocative (Kirkus Reviews) book, cyberspace

has in recent years become a repository for immense spiritual

yearning. Wertheim explores the mapping of spiritual desire

onto digitized space and suggests that the modem today has

become a metaphysical escape-hatch from a materialism that

many people find increasingly dissatisfying. Cyberspace opens

up a collective space beyond the laws of physics a space where

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