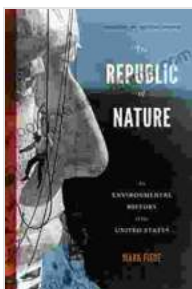


An Environmental History of the United States: A Journey Through the Evolving Landscape

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From the Native American stewardship of pristine ecosystems to the transformative effects of European colonization, the book traces the profound influence of human cultures on the landscape. It explores the rise of agriculture, the relentless westward expansion, and the industrial revolution, revealing how these forces left an enduring mark on the nation's environmental heritage.

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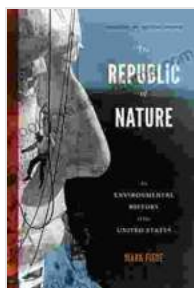
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By understanding our past, we gain invaluable wisdom for the present and future. This book serves as a powerful catalyst for dialogue and action, empowering readers to become stewards of the American landscape and ensure its legacy for generations to come.



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