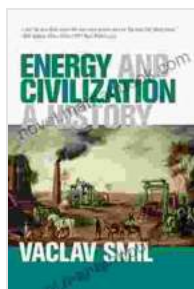


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The Early Days

The earliest humans relied on wood and other biomass for energy. They used it to cook their food, heat their homes, and light their way. As civilizations developed, so did the need for more energy. The ancient Egyptians used solar energy to power their irrigation systems. The ancient Greeks and Romans used wind and water power to grind grain and power their ships.

The Industrial Revolution

The Industrial Revolution was a time of great change and innovation. It was also a time when the demand for energy skyrocketed. The invention of the steam engine allowed factories to be powered by coal. The development of the internal combustion engine allowed cars and trains to be powered by gasoline.

The 20th Century

The 20th century saw the development of new energy sources, such as nuclear energy and renewable energy. Nuclear energy was first used to power submarines during World War II. Renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, have become increasingly popular in recent years.

The 21st Century

The 21st century is likely to be a time of great change in the way we use energy. The increasing demand for energy, combined with the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, is driving the development of new energy technologies. These technologies include carbon capture and storage, biofuels, and hydrogen fuel cells.

The Future of Energy

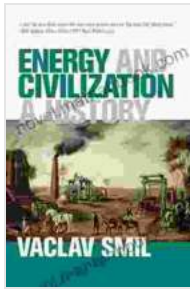
The future of energy is uncertain. However, one thing is for sure: energy will continue to be essential to human civilization. The way we use energy will continue to evolve, but it is likely that we will always need energy to power our lives.

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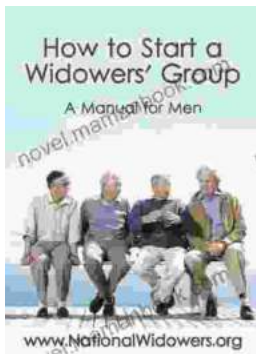
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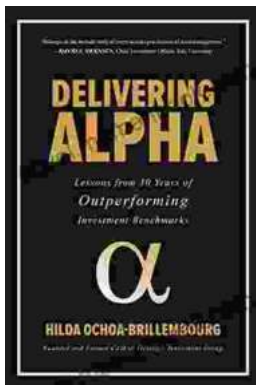


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