

The River and John Neihardt: An Epic Exploration of the American Spirit



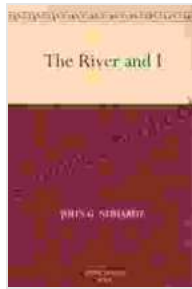
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The River

John Neihardt's *The River* is an epic poem that follows the Missouri River from its source in the Rocky Mountains to its mouth at the Gulf of Mexico. The poem is a meditation on the American landscape, the history of the American West, and the human spirit.

Neihardt spent many years researching and writing *The River*. He traveled the length of the Missouri River, interviewing people who lived along its banks and studying the history of the region. The poem is a testament to Neihardt's love for the American West and his deep understanding of its people and its history.

The River is a long poem, but it is a rewarding read. Neihardt's language is beautiful and evocative, and his insights into the American spirit are profound. The poem is a must-read for anyone who loves the American West or who is interested in the history of the United States.

John Neihardt

John Neihardt was born in 1881 in Sharpsburg, Illinois. He grew up on the Great Plains and developed a lifelong love for the American West. Neihardt

was a poet, novelist, and historian. He is best known for his epic poem *The River*, but he also wrote many other works about the American West.

Neihardt was a complex and fascinating man. He was a devout Christian, but he also had a deep appreciation for Native American spirituality. He was a pacifist, but he also believed in the importance of self-defense. Neihardt was a man of contradictions, but he was also a man of great passion and conviction.

Neihardt died in 1973. He is buried in the Black Hills of South Dakota, near the Missouri River that he loved so much.

The Legacy of The River

The River is considered one of the great American poems. It has been praised by critics for its beauty, its insights, and its historical accuracy. The poem has also been influential in shaping the way Americans think about the West.

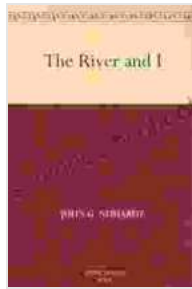
The River is a reminder of the beauty and the power of the American landscape. It is also a reminder of the challenges that we face as a nation. The poem is a call to action, urging us to protect our environment and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

The River is a timeless classic that will continue to be read and enjoyed for generations to come. It is a poem that will help us to understand ourselves and our place in the world.

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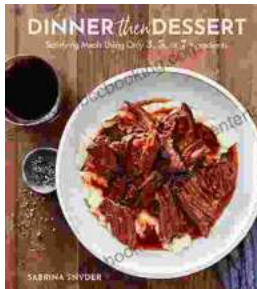
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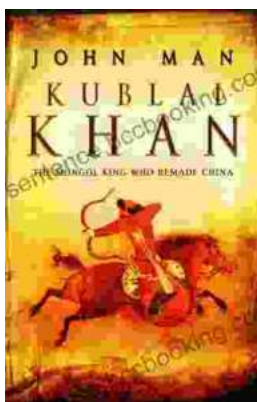
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