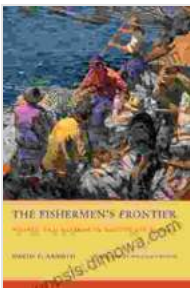


# People and Salmon in Southeast Alaska: A History of a Unique Relationship

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The book begins with a discussion of the salmon's life cycle and its importance to the ecosystem of Southeast Alaska. Thornton then traces the history of human settlement in the region, and he shows how the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people developed a sophisticated understanding of salmon behavior and migration patterns.

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People and Salmon in Southeast Alaska is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Alaska, Native American culture, or the importance of salmon to the Pacific Northwest. Thornton's engaging writing style and his thorough research make this book a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the deep connection between the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people and the salmon that have sustained their communities for centuries.

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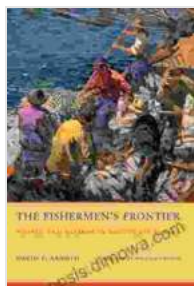
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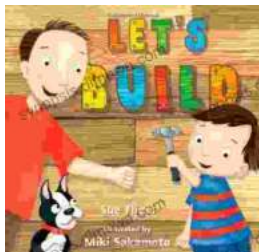
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