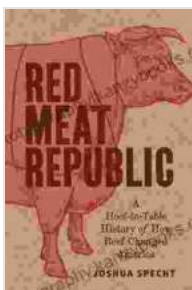


# Hoof to Table: A History of How Beef Changed America

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Beef has been a major part of the American diet for centuries, and its history is closely intertwined with the history of the United States. In Hoof to Table, food historian Frederick Kaufman tells the story of how beef became so central to American culture, and how it has shaped our economy, our environment, and our way of life.

Kaufman begins his story with the arrival of the first cattle in the New World in the 1500s. These animals quickly became an important part of the Spanish colonial economy, and they were soon being raised in large numbers throughout the Americas. As the United States expanded westward, cattle ranching became increasingly important, and by the 19th century, the United States was the world's leading producer of beef.



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The growth of the beef industry had a profound impact on the American landscape. Cattle ranchers cleared vast tracts of land for grazing, and they often came into conflict with Native Americans and other settlers. The beef industry also played a major role in the development of the American transportation system, as railroads and highways were built to transport cattle to market.

In addition to its economic and environmental impact, the beef industry has also had a significant cultural impact on the United States. Beef has become a symbol of American prosperity and abundance, and it is often associated with patriotism and masculinity. Beef has also been a source of controversy, as concerns have been raised about its environmental impact and its role in the spread of foodborne illness.

In *Hoof to Table*, Kaufman provides a comprehensive and engaging account of the history of beef in the United States. He draws on a wide range of sources, including archival research, interviews with ranchers and butchers, and analysis of popular culture. The result is a book that is both informative and entertaining, and that sheds new light on an important part of American history.

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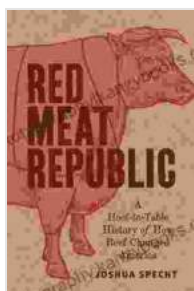
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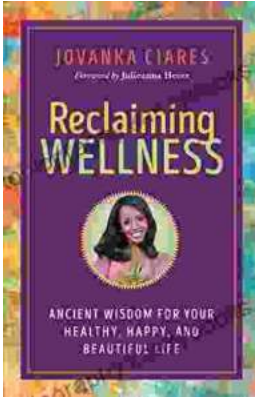
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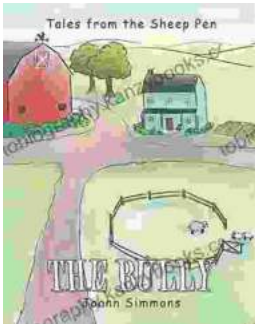
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