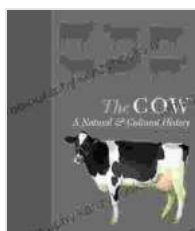


# The Cow: A Natural and Cultural History

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domesticated cows were used for milk and meat, and they quickly became an important part of human societies.

Reader goes on to discuss the cow's role in agriculture. Cows have been used to plow fields, pull carts, and provide manure for crops. They have also been used to produce dairy products, such as milk, cheese, and butter. In many parts of the world, cows are still an important source of food and income.

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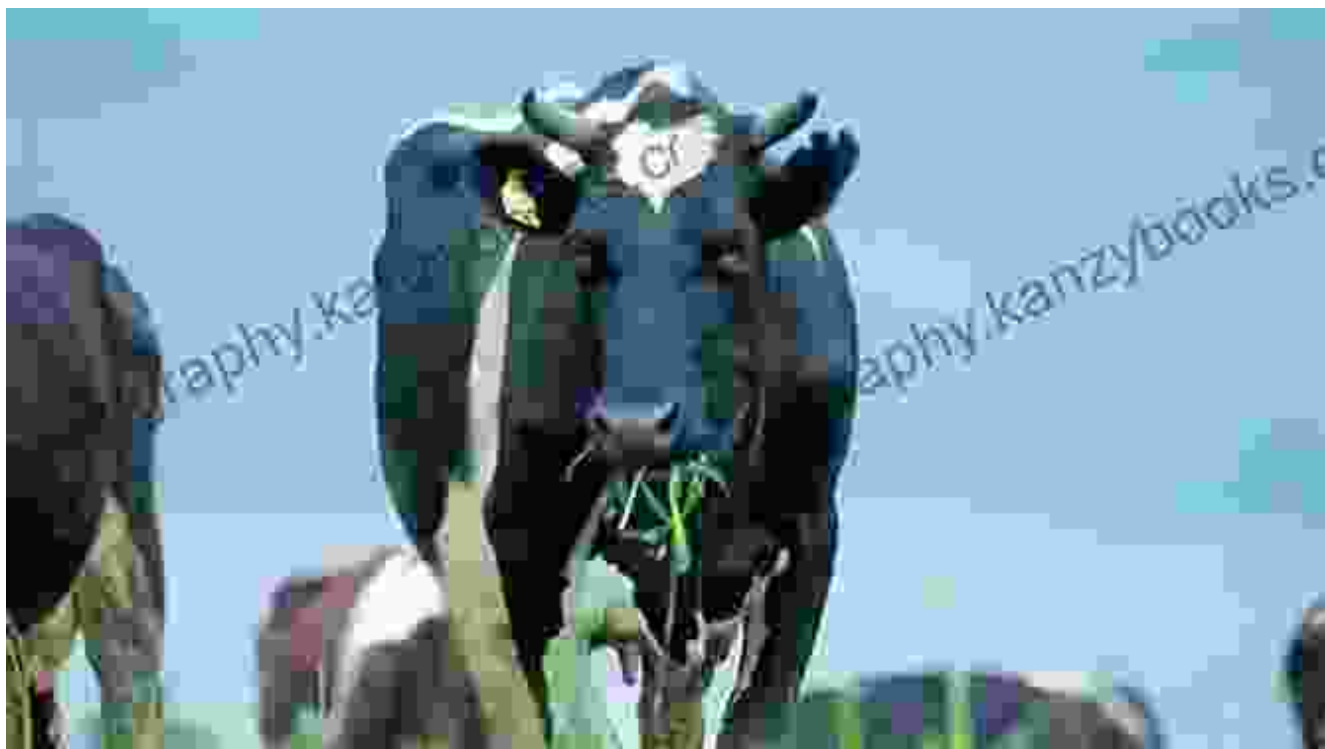
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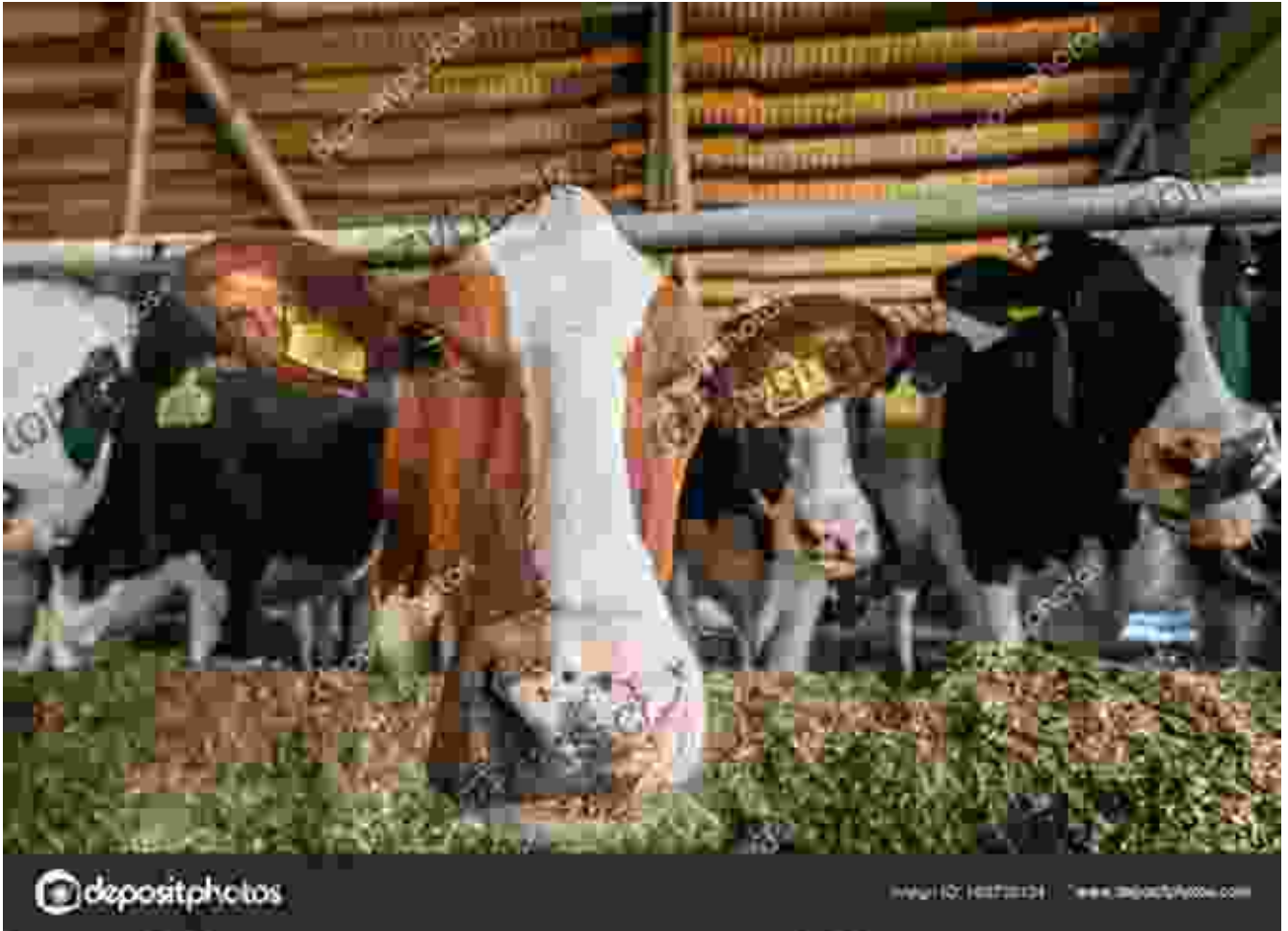
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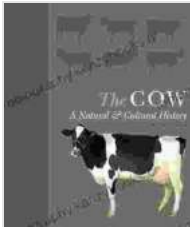


A group of domesticated cows.





A cow in a religious ceremony.



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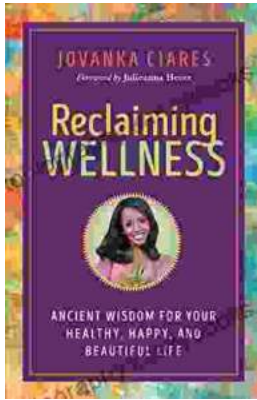
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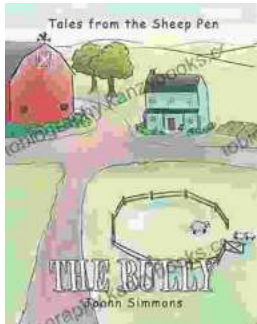
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