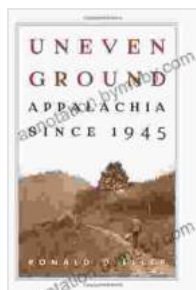


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Appalachia, a region of rugged mountains and deep valleys, has long been a symbol of both poverty and resilience. In the decades following World War II, the region underwent a period of rapid economic and social change, as new industries emerged and old ones declined. Ronald Eller's book, *Uneven Ground Appalachia Since 1945*, provides a comprehensive and engaging history of this transformative era.

Eller begins his book by describing the Appalachian region's pre-war economy, which was based largely on agriculture and mining. However, the war brought new opportunities to the region, as factories were built to produce war materiel. After the war, many of these factories remained in operation, providing jobs for thousands of Appalachian workers. However, the region's economy was still heavily dependent on mining, and when the coal industry declined in the 1970s, Appalachia was hit hard.

In addition to its economic challenges, Appalachia has also faced a number of social problems, including poverty, illiteracy, and environmental degradation. Eller's book explores these issues in depth, and he argues that they are all interconnected. For example, poverty can lead to illiteracy, which can make it difficult to find a good job. And environmental degradation can damage the region's natural resources, which can make it difficult to attract new businesses and residents.

Despite its challenges, Appalachia has also seen a number of positive developments in recent decades. Eller highlights the region's growing tourism industry, as well as its efforts to attract new businesses and residents. He also discusses the region's rich cultural heritage, which has been preserved and celebrated by local artists, musicians, and writers.

Uneven Ground Appalachia Since 1945 is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Appalachian region. Eller's book is a comprehensive and engaging account of the region's post-war transformation, and it provides valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that Appalachia faces today.

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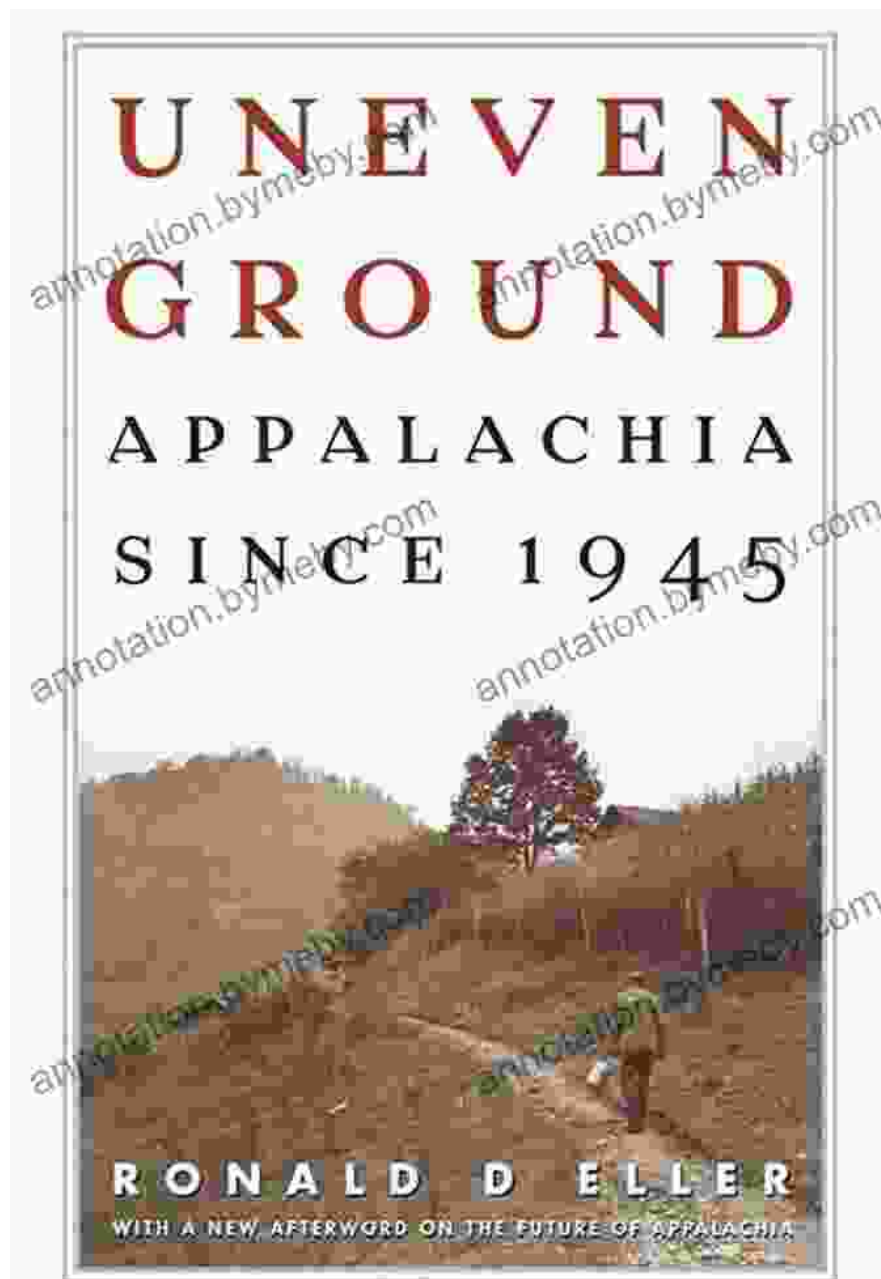
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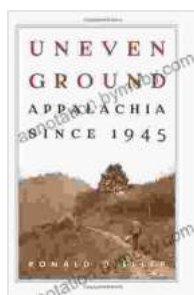
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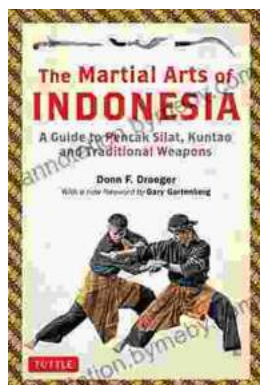
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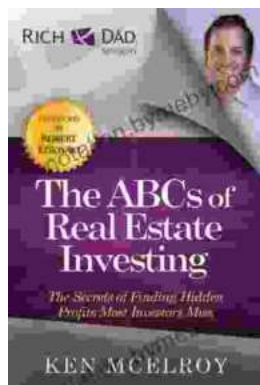
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