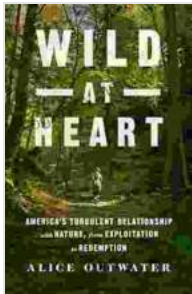


America's Turbulent Relationship With Nature: From Exploitation To Redemption



Wild at Heart: America's Turbulent Relationship with Nature, from Exploitation to Redemption by Alice Outwater

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America's relationship with nature has been a complex and often tumultuous one. From the early days of European colonization, when the land was seen as a vast and inexhaustible resource, to the present day, when we are grappling with the consequences of climate change, our interactions with the natural world have shaped our history, our culture, and our very identity.

In his new book, *America's Turbulent Relationship With Nature: From Exploitation To Redemption*, environmental historian John L. Allen tells the story of this relationship, offering a fresh and nuanced perspective on one of the most important issues facing our country today.

Allen begins by exploring the early years of European colonization, when the land was seen as a vast and inexhaustible resource. The colonists

cleared forests, plowed prairies, and dammed rivers, all in the name of progress. But this exploitation of the natural world came at a great cost. Deforestation led to soil erosion and flooding, while the damming of rivers disrupted fish migration and destroyed wetlands.

As the country expanded westward, the relationship between Americans and nature continued to evolve. In the 19th century, the Romantic movement led to a new appreciation for the beauty of the natural world. But this appreciation was often accompanied by a sense of entitlement. Americans believed that they had a right to exploit the land, regardless of the consequences.

The 20th century saw a growing awareness of the environmental damage that was being caused by human activity. The conservation movement began to gain momentum, and in 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated. But despite these efforts, the relationship between Americans and nature remained strained.

Today, we are facing the consequences of centuries of environmental degradation. Climate change is causing sea levels to rise, storms to become more intense, and droughts to become more frequent. The pollution of our air and water is harming our health and our ecosystems. And the loss of biodiversity is threatening the stability of our planet.

In America's Turbulent Relationship With Nature: From Exploitation To Redemption, John L. Allen offers a way forward. He argues that we need to develop a new relationship with nature, one that is based on respect and reciprocity. We need to learn to live within the limits of the planet, and we need to find ways to restore the damage that we have done.

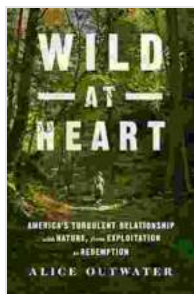
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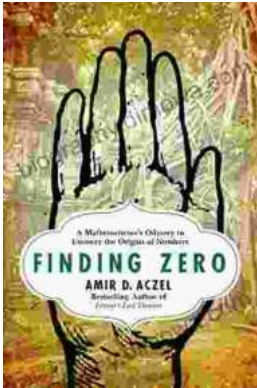


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