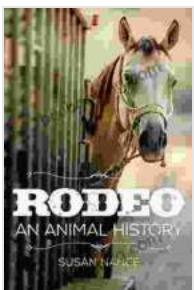


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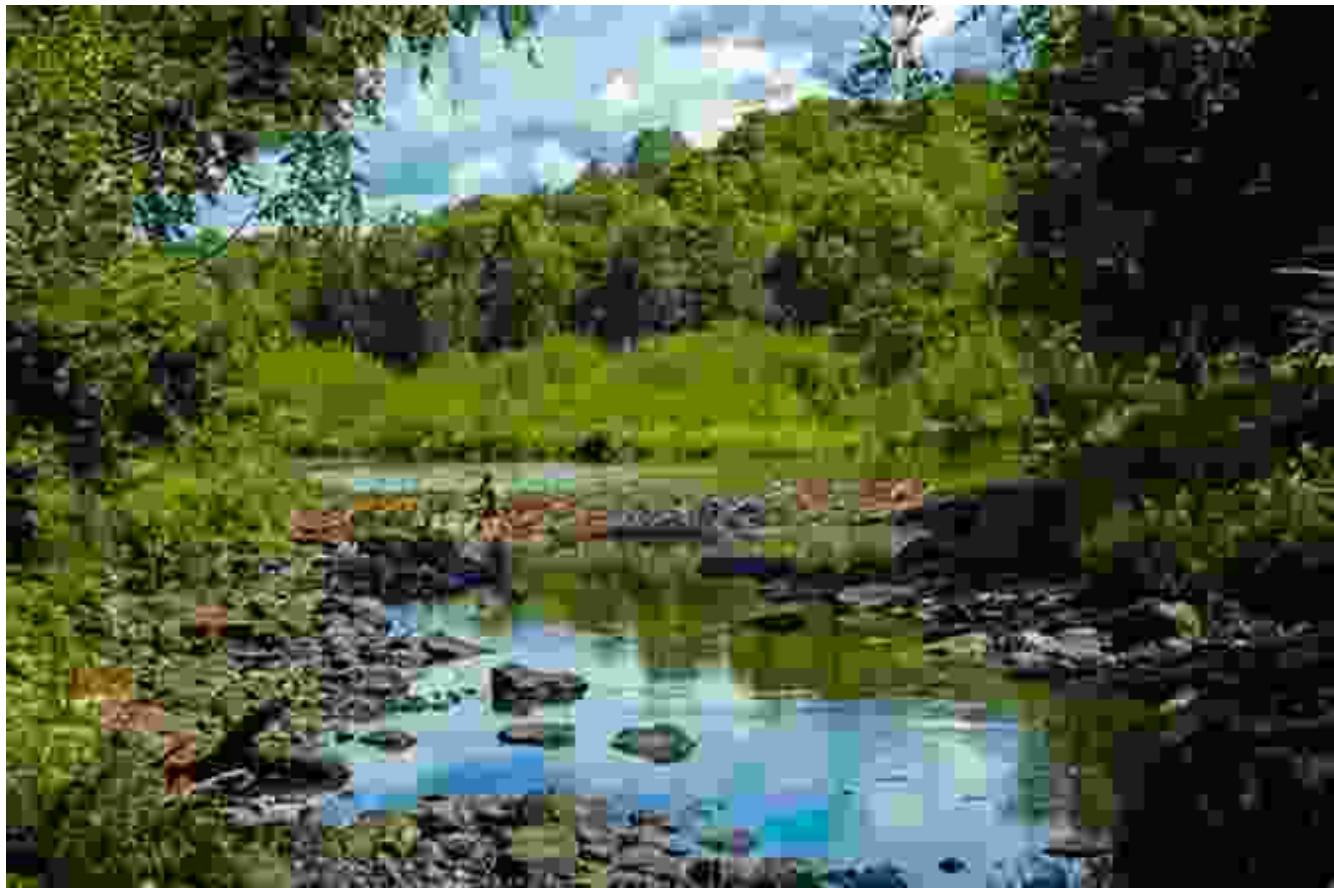
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### **Agents of Seed Dispersal: Connecting Ecosystems**



Animals have acted as nature's messengers, carrying seeds far and wide, connecting distant ecosystems and ensuring plant diversity. Birds, with their remarkable migratory patterns, have played a crucial role in this seed dispersal, fostering plant growth in areas that would otherwise remain barren. Squirrels, with their penchant for hiding nuts, inadvertently contribute to the regeneration of forests.

### **Guardians of the Ecosystem: Maintaining Balance**



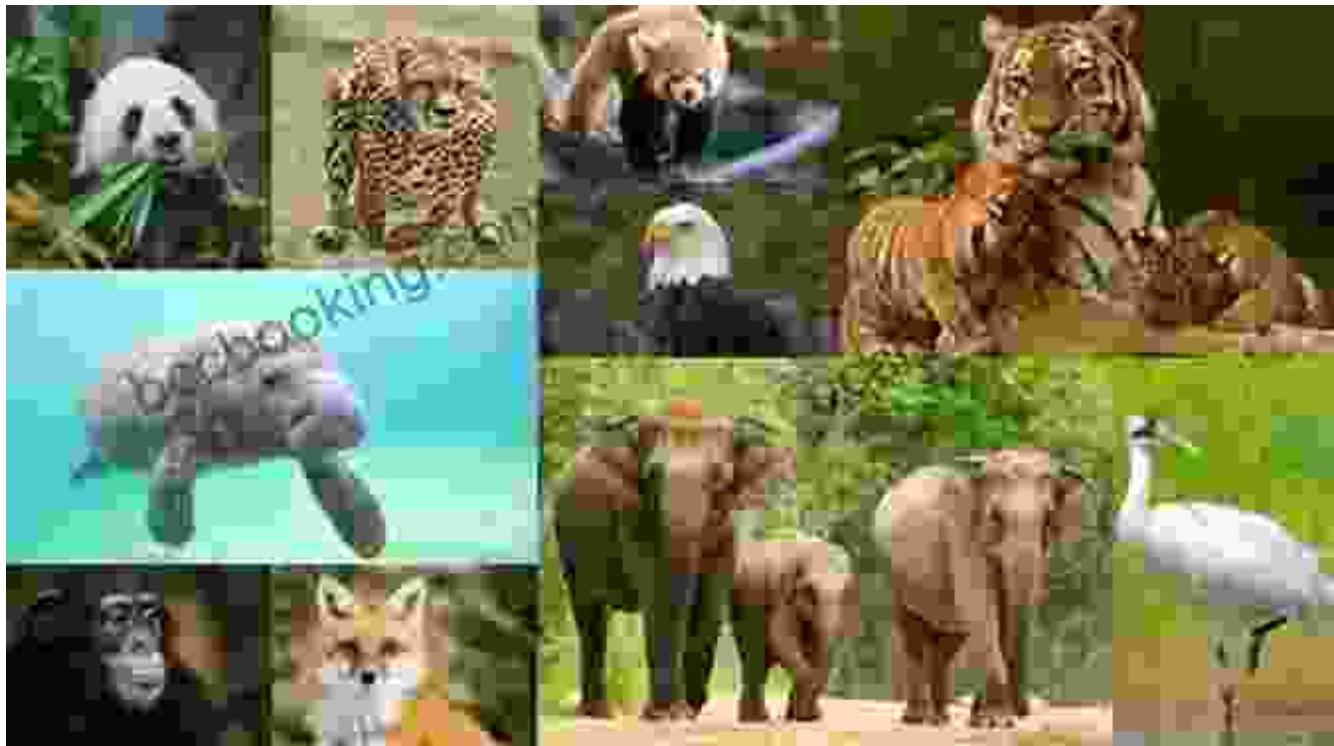
Animals have also served as guardians of their ecosystems, ensuring the delicate balance of nature. Predators, such as wolves, play a vital role in regulating prey populations, preventing overgrazing and maintaining ecosystem health. Scavengers, like vultures, contribute to the removal of carcasses, reducing the spread of disease and promoting sanitation.

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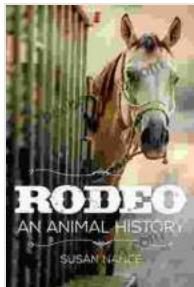
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