

Island Dreams: Mapping an Obsession

Islands have always held a special fascination for humans. They are places of mystery and adventure, of beauty and danger. They are places where dreams can come true, or where nightmares can unfold. This book, *Island Dreams: Mapping an Obsession*, is a beautifully illustrated exploration of the history of island mapping, from ancient times to the present day. It is a work of scholarship and a work of art, a book that will appeal to anyone interested in maps, islands, or the history of exploration.

The History of Island Mapping

The earliest known maps of islands were created by the ancient Greeks. These maps were based on the observations of sailors and explorers, and they were often inaccurate and incomplete. However, they did provide a glimpse of the world beyond the Mediterranean Sea, and they helped to fuel the desire for exploration. As Europeans began to explore the world in the 15th and 16th centuries, they created more accurate maps of islands. These maps were used to guide explorers and to plan new settlements. They also helped to spread knowledge about the world and to promote the idea that the Earth was a spherical object.



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The 18th and 19th centuries saw a great increase in the number of island maps that were created. This was due in part to the Age of Exploration, which led to the discovery of new islands all over the world. However, it was also due to the development of new technologies, such as the telescope and the sextant. These technologies allowed cartographers to create more accurate and detailed maps of islands.

Island Dreams

The book, *Island Dreams: Mapping an Obsession*, is a collection of over 200 maps of islands. These maps are drawn from a variety of sources, including ancient manuscripts, early printed books, and modern atlases. They range in size from small sketches to large-scale maps that cover entire archipelagos. The maps are accompanied by essays that explore the history of island mapping, the reasons why humans are fascinated by islands, and the ways that islands have shaped our understanding of the world.

The book is a beautiful and informative work of scholarship. It is a must-have for anyone interested in maps, islands, or the history of exploration. It is also a book that will appeal to anyone who has ever dreamed of living on an island.

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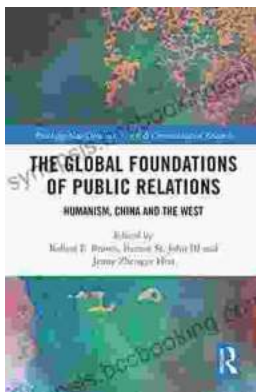
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