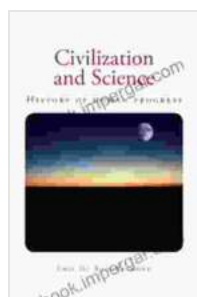


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Civilization and Science is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that explores the complex relationship between two of the most defining characteristics of human existence. Diamond's sweeping narrative provides a unique perspective on human history, and his insights are sure to spark discussion and debate.

### **About the Author**

Jared Diamond is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor of geography at UCLA. He is the author of several bestselling books, including *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, and *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. Diamond is a MacArthur Fellow and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

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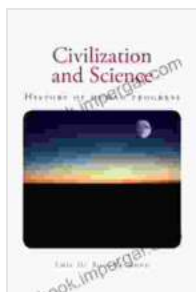
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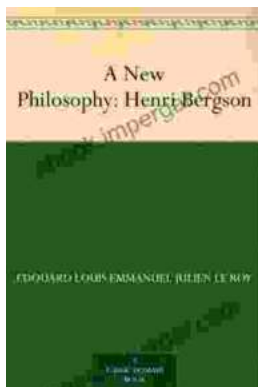
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