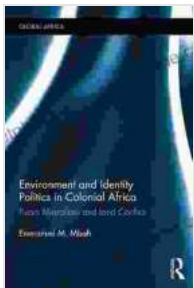# Environment and Identity Politics in Colonial Africa

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The colonizers' view of the environment was based on their own experiences in Europe. They were accustomed to a temperate climate and a relatively stable environment. When they arrived in Africa, they were confronted with a much more challenging environment. The climate was hot and humid, and the land was covered in dense forests. The colonizers were also unfamiliar with the African wildlife, which they saw as dangerous and unpredictable.

The colonizers' fear of the African environment led them to impose their own values and beliefs on the African people. They introduced new agricultural practices and technologies, and they tried to suppress traditional African environmental practices. They also established national parks and game reserves, which they saw as a way to protect the African environment from the African people.
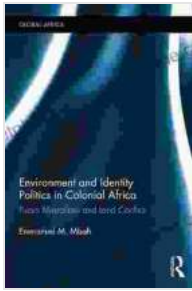
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One of the most important ways that the African people resisted the colonizers' environmental policies was through their own traditional practices. They continued to practice their own agricultural methods, and they used their own knowledge of the environment to manage their natural resources. They also developed new ways to use the environment to their own advantage. For example, they learned how to use fire to clear land for farming, and they developed new methods of irrigation.

The African people also used the environment to assert their own identities. They created their own environmental symbols and rituals, and they used these to express their own sense of place and belonging. For example, many African cultures have their own creation stories that explain the origins of the world and the relationship between humans and the environment.
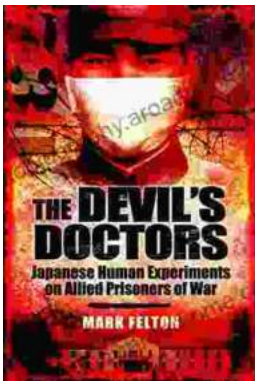
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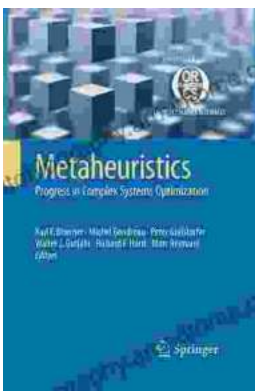
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