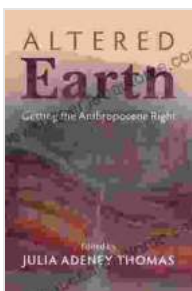


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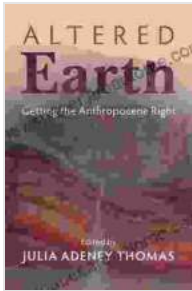
Major events in the Anthropocene

Event	Date
Industrial Revolution	18th century
Rise of agriculture	10,000 years ago
Extinction of the dinosaurs	66 million years ago

Despite the debate about its definition, the Anthropocene is a clear indication of the impact that human activity is having on the planet. The Anthropocene is a time of great change, and it is important to understand

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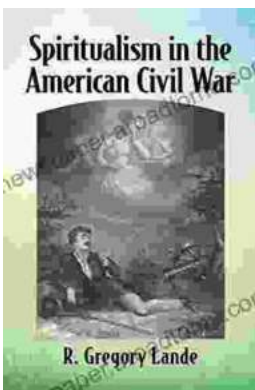
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