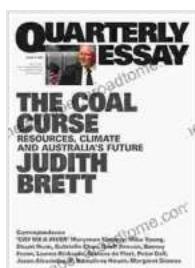


# Quarterly Essay 78: The Coal Curse: Unlocking the Mysteries of Coal's Deadly Legacy



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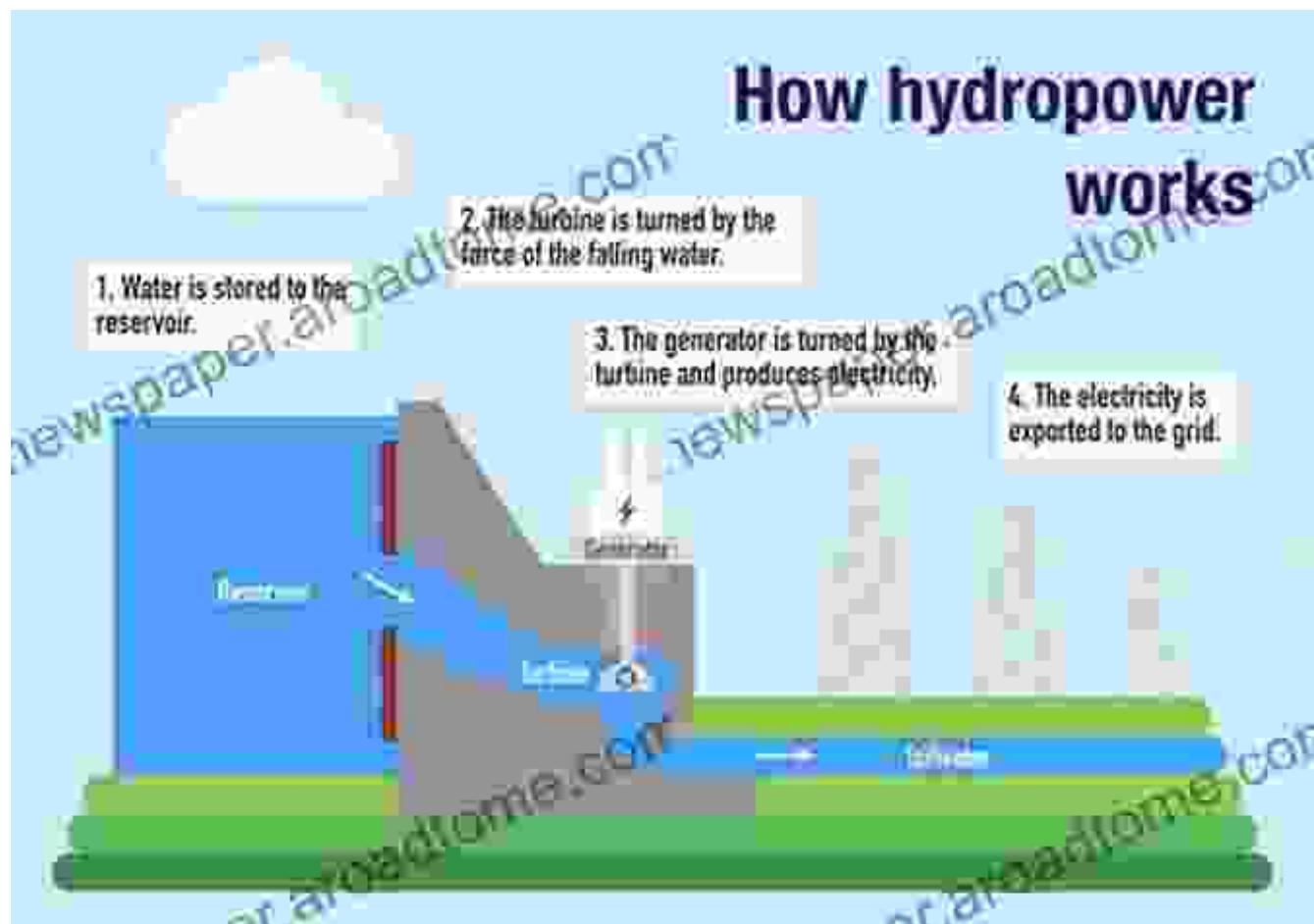
## **Coal's Deadly Toll**

Flannery meticulously documents the devastating impact of coal mining and combustion on human health and the environment. He reveals how coal extraction and processing release toxic chemicals and particulate matter into the air, water, and soil, causing respiratory diseases, cardiovascular problems, and even cancer. Furthermore, coal combustion emits greenhouse gases that contribute significantly to climate change, threatening the planet's ecosystems and human civilization.



## The Urgency of Transition

Flannery argues that the world can no longer afford to rely on coal as a major energy source. He calls for an immediate and urgent transition to renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind, and geothermal, which offer cleaner and sustainable alternatives. Flannery emphasizes the economic benefits of investing in renewable energy, including job creation, reduced healthcare costs, and increased energy security.



## A Call to Action

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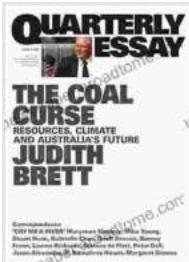


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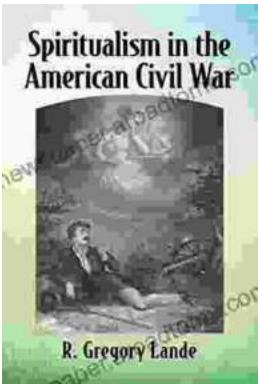
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