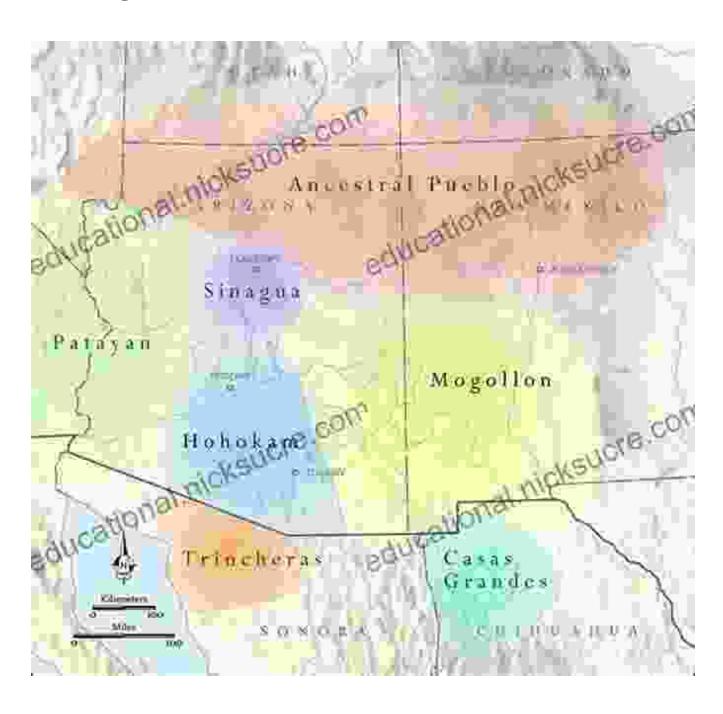
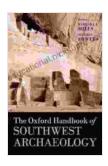
# The Oxford Handbook of Southwest Archaeology: A Comprehensive Exploration into the Region's Rich Archaeological Heritage



The Oxford Handbook of Southwest Archaeology is a comprehensive and authoritative reference work that provides a comprehensive overview of the archaeology of the Southwestern United States. The volume is edited by Linda S. Cordell and George J. Gumerman, two of the leading scholars in the field of Southwestern archaeology.



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#### **Environmental and Cultural Contexts**

The Southwestern United States is a region of great environmental diversity, with a wide range of climates, landscapes, and ecosystems. The region has been home to humans for thousands of years, and its inhabitants have developed a rich and diverse array of cultures.

The first chapter of the Handbook, "Geography and Ecology of the American Southwest," provides an overview of the region's geography and ecology. The chapter discusses the region's climate, vegetation, and landforms. It also discusses the impact of humans on the environment of the Southwest.

The second chapter, "The Peopling of the Southwest," examines the archaeological record of the earliest human occupation of the Southwest. The chapter discusses the evidence for human occupation of the region as early as 13,000 years ago. It also discusses the origins and development of the first cultures in the Southwest.

#### **Prehistory**

The archaeological record of the Southwest is divided into a number of periods, each with its own distinctive characteristics. The Prehistory section of the Handbook covers the archaeological record of the Southwest from the earliest human occupation to the arrival of Europeans.

The third chapter, "The Archaic Period," examines the archaeological record of the Southwest from 8000 to 2000 BC. The chapter discusses the development of agriculture and the emergence of social complexity during this period.

The fourth chapter, "The Basketmaker Period," examines the archaeological record of the Southwest from 2000 BC to AD 500. The chapter discusses the development of pottery and the emergence of the first organized societies in the Southwest.

The fifth chapter, "The Pueblo Period," examines the archaeological record of the Southwest from AD 500 to 1540. The chapter discusses the development of large-scale architecture and the emergence of complex social and political systems during this period.

#### **History**

The History section of the Handbook covers the archaeological record of the Southwest from the arrival of Europeans to the present day.

The sixth chapter, "The Spanish Colonial Period," examines the archaeological record of the Southwest from 1540 to 1821. The chapter discusses the impact of Spanish exploration and colonization on the indigenous cultures of the Southwest.

The seventh chapter, "The Mexican Period," examines the archaeological record of the Southwest from 1821 to 1848. The chapter discusses the impact of Mexican independence on the indigenous cultures of the Southwest.

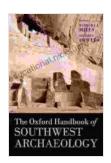
The eighth chapter, "The American Period," examines the archaeological record of the Southwest from 1848 to the present day. The chapter discusses the impact of American expansion and settlement on the indigenous cultures of the Southwest.

#### **Contemporary Issues**

The Contemporary Issues section of the Handbook discusses the current state of Southwestern archaeology and the challenges facing the field.

The ninth chapter, "The Future of Southwestern Archaeology," discusses the challenges facing the field of Southwestern archaeology in the 21st century. The chapter discusses the need for new research methods, new theoretical approaches, and new ways of engaging with the public.

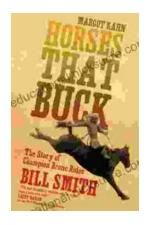
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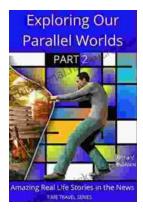
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