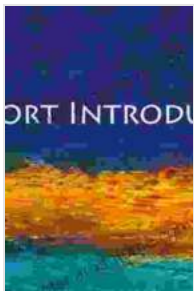


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In this Very Short , Tom Jickells explores the many aspects of lakes, from their formation and ecology to their significance in human history and culture.

Formation of Lakes

Lakes are formed in a variety of ways, including:

- **Glacial lakes** are formed when glaciers retreat and leave behind depressions that fill with water.

- **Tectonic lakes** are formed when tectonic plates move and create depressions that fill with water.
- **Volcanic lakes** are formed when volcanoes erupt and leave behind craters that fill with water.
- **Oxbow lakes** are formed when a river changes course and leaves behind a loop of water.
- **Reservoirs** are man-made lakes that are created by damming rivers.

Ecology of Lakes

Lakes are home to a variety of plants and animals, including phytoplankton, zooplankton, fish, and amphibians. The ecology of a lake is determined by a number of factors, including the size of the lake, the depth of the lake, the temperature of the water, and the availability of nutrients.

Lakes are important habitats for many species of fish, including trout, bass, and pike. Fish provide food for other animals, such as birds and mammals. Lakes are also important for migratory birds, which use them as resting and feeding grounds.

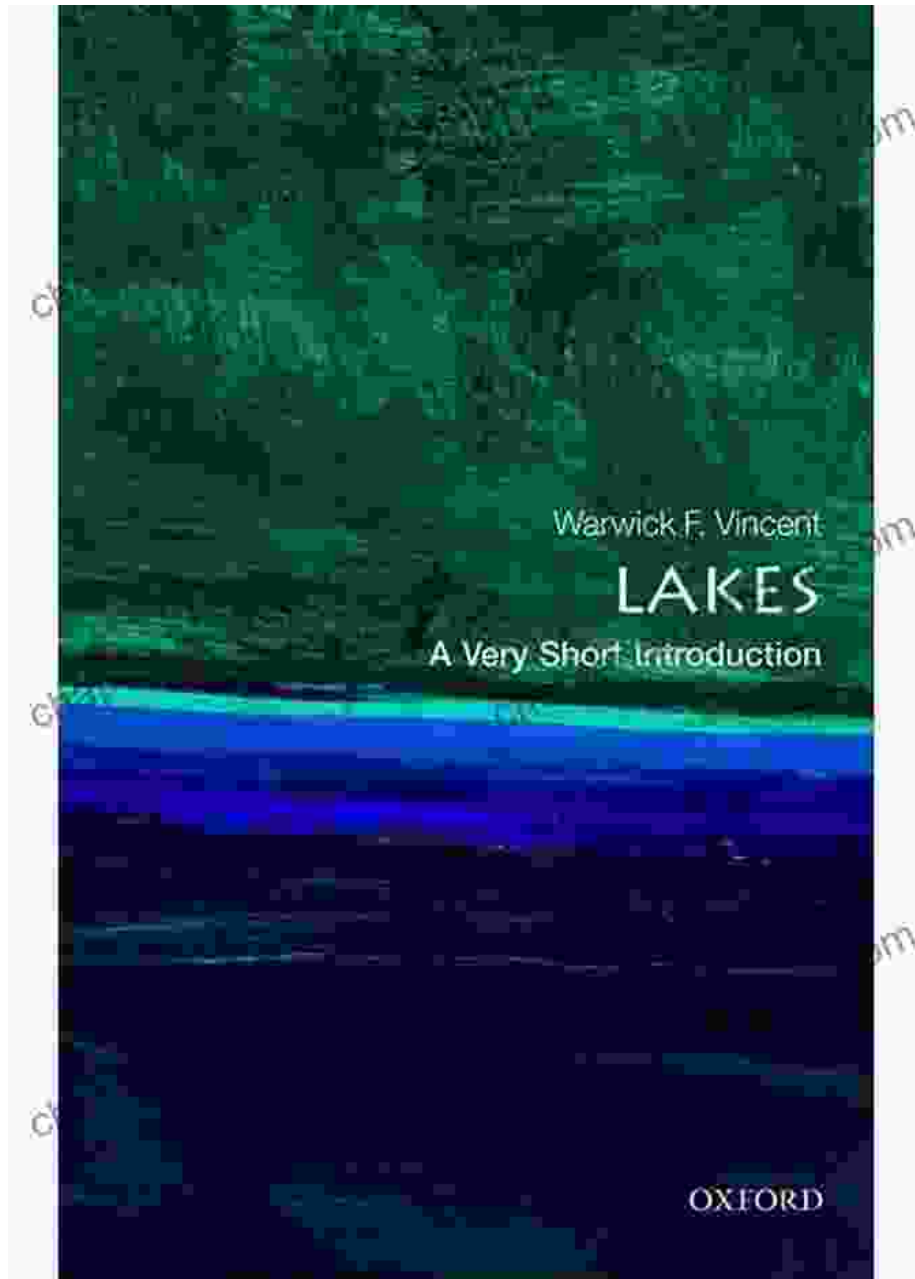
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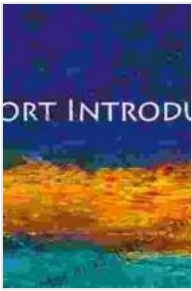
Lakes have played an important role in human history and culture. Lakes have been used for transportation, fishing, and irrigation for thousands of years. Lakes have also been the site of many important battles and settlements.

In many cultures, lakes are considered to be sacred places. Lakes are often associated with water gods and goddesses, and are believed to have healing powers.

Lakes are a vital part of the Earth's freshwater system and play an important role in human history and culture. Lakes are beautiful and fascinating places that are home to a variety of plants and animals. Lakes are also important for human recreation and well-being.

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