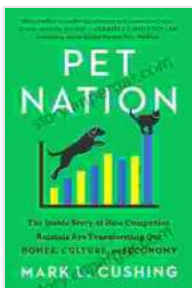


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In his new book, *Pet Nation: The Love Affair That Changed America*, author Mark Derr takes a fascinating look at the history of pets in the United States. Derr explores how pets have shaped our culture, our economy, and even our laws.

Derr begins his book by tracing the origins of pet keeping in America. He shows how, in the early days of the country, pets were primarily used for work. Dogs were used for hunting, herding, and protection. Cats were used for pest control.

However, as the country grew and prospered, pets began to take on a new role. They became companions and members of the family. This change in attitude was due in part to the rise of the middle class. As more and more people began to have leisure time, they began to spend more time with their pets.

The rise of pet ownership also had a profound impact on the American economy. In the early 19th century, there were few businesses that catered to pets. By the end of the 19th century, there were hundreds of businesses that sold pet food, toys, and other supplies.

The pet industry continued to grow in the 20th century. By the 1950s, pets were a major part of American life. They were featured in movies, television shows, and advertisements. Pet ownership was seen as a sign of a happy and healthy family.

In recent years, the pet industry has continued to grow. Today, there are more than 80 million pet dogs and cats in the United States. Pet owners spend billions of dollars each year on their furry friends.

Pet Nation is a fascinating look at the history of pets in America. Derr shows how pets have shaped our culture, our economy, and even our laws. This book is a must-read for anyone who loves pets or is interested in American history.

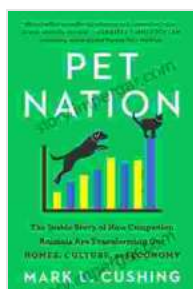
Here are some of the key themes that Derr explores in Pet Nation:

- The changing role of pets in American society
- The rise of the pet industry

- The impact of pets on our culture
- The legal protections that have been put in place for pets

Pet Nation is a well-written and informative book that is sure to appeal to a wide range of readers. Whether you are a pet owner, a history buff, or simply someone who is interested in the human-animal bond, you will find something to enjoy in this book.

To learn more about Pet Nation, visit the author's website:
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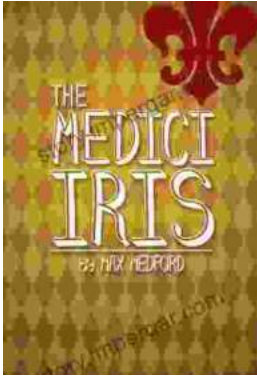
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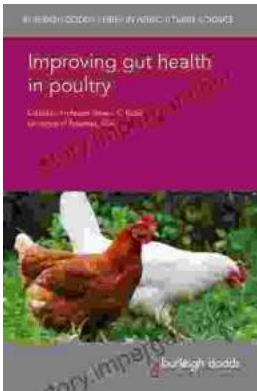
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