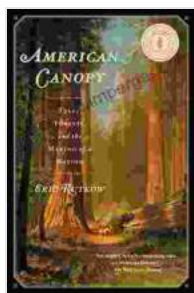


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Caption: The tree of liberty, a potent symbol of national pride and unity

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Caption: Forests as a resource, providing timber and other products for the global economy

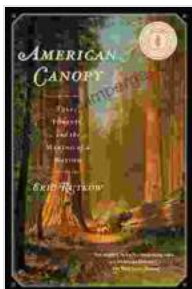
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