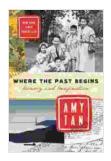
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In his groundbreaking book, *Where the Past Begins: Memory and Imagination*, Dr. Richard Nisbett explores the complex and fascinating relationship between memory and imagination. Drawing on a wide range of sources, from psychology and neuroscience to literature and art, Nisbett shows how memory and imagination are not separate faculties, but rather two sides of the same coin.

Nisbett begins by exploring the nature of memory. He argues that memory is not a passive recording of the past, but rather an active process of construction. We remember what we want to remember, and we forget what we want to forget. Our memories are shaped by our beliefs, our values, and our experiences. They are also shaped by our imagination. We

often fill in the gaps in our memories with imagined events. We may even create entire memories that never actually happened.

Nisbett then turns his attention to the nature of imagination. He argues that imagination is not simply the ability to create new images in our minds. It is also the ability to think about the past and the future, to consider different possibilities, and to solve problems. Imagination is essential for creativity, innovation, and empathy. It is also essential for understanding ourselves and our world.

Nisbett concludes by arguing that memory and imagination are two sides of the same coin. They are both essential for understanding the past, present, and future. They are also essential for living a full and meaningful life.

Where the Past Begins: Memory and Imagination is a groundbreaking book that offers a fresh perspective on the nature of memory and imagination. It is essential reading for anyone interested in psychology, neuroscience, literature, art, or the nature of reality itself.

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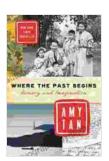
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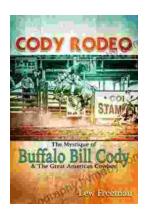
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