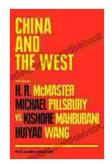
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The relationship between China and the West has been complex and multifaceted throughout history. In recent years, this relationship has become increasingly important as China has emerged as a global economic and political power. The Munk Debates are a series of public debates that bring together leading experts from around the world to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing humanity. In 2019, the Munk Debates hosted a debate on the topic of "China and the West: Clash or Convergence?" This debate brought together four experts to discuss the future of the relationship between these two powerful regions.

#### **Historical Perspectives**

The history of relations between China and the West dates back to the Silk Road, a network of trade routes that connected China with Europe and the Middle East. In the 16th century, European powers began to establish trading posts in China, and in the 19th century, they began to colonize parts

of the country. This period of colonialism had a profound impact on China, and it led to a great deal of resentment towards the West. After the Second World War, China became a communist state, and its relations with the West became even more strained. In recent years, however, relations between China and the West have improved, and the two regions have become increasingly interdependent.

#### **Economic Perspectives**

China is now the world's second-largest economy, and its economic growth has had a significant impact on the global economy. China is a major exporter of goods, and it is also a major importer of raw materials. The United States is China's largest trading partner, and the two countries have a complex economic relationship. There is a great deal of economic interdependence between China and the West, and this interdependence has led to both cooperation and conflict. For example, the United States has accused China of unfair trade practices, and the two countries have imposed tariffs on each other's goods. Despite these tensions, economic relations between China and the West remain strong.

#### **Political Perspectives**

The political relationship between China and the West is complex and often tense. China is a one-party state, and its government is often criticized for its human rights record. The United States is a democracy, and its government is often critical of China's political system. The two countries have different views on a number of issues, including Taiwan, Tibet, and the South China Sea. These differences have led to tensions between the two countries, and they have sometimes made it difficult to cooperate on other issues.

#### **Cultural Perspectives**

The cultural relationship between China and the West is also complex. China has a long and rich history, and its culture is very different from that of the West. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in Chinese culture in the West, and there has also been a growing interest in Western culture in China. This cultural exchange has led to a greater understanding between the two regions, but it has also led to some misunderstandings.

#### **The Munk Debates**

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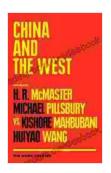
The debate featured the following speakers:

- Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State
- Zbigniew Brzezinski, former US National Security Advisor
- Kishore Mahbubani, former Singaporean diplomat and author
- Yan Xuetong, Dean of Tsinghua University's Institute of International Relations

The debate was moderated by Rudyard Griffiths, the President of the Munk Debates.

The debate was lively and informative, and it provided a unique opportunity to hear from some of the world's leading experts on China and the West. The speakers discussed a wide range of issues, including the future of the global economy, the rise of China, and the challenges of the 21st century. The debate was a valuable contribution to the public discourse on China and the West, and it helped to foster a greater understanding of this complex and important relationship.

The relationship between China and the West is one of the most important relationships in the world today. This relationship is complex and multifaceted, and it is constantly evolving. The Munk Debates provide a unique opportunity to hear from leading experts on this important relationship. The debates help to foster a greater understanding of China and the West, and they contribute to the public discourse on this important topic.



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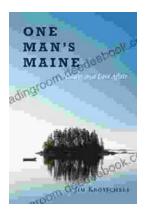
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