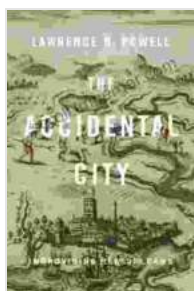


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New Orleans is a city like no other. Its unique culture and geography have shaped its development in ways that are both fascinating and inspiring. In his book *The Accidental City: Improvising New Orleans*, urban planner and author Ethan J. Lieb explores the history of New Orleans and how it has become a city that is constantly improvising, adapting to the challenges and opportunities that have come its way.

Lieb begins his book by describing the early history of New Orleans. The city was founded in 1718 by French colonists, and it quickly became a major port city. However, New Orleans was also a city that was constantly threatened by flooding and hurricanes. In order to survive, the people of New Orleans had to learn to adapt and improvise. They built levees to protect the city from flooding, and they developed a unique culture that celebrated the city's resilience.



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Throughout its history, New Orleans has been a city that has constantly improvised. The city has adapted to the challenges of flooding and hurricanes, and it has also found ways to celebrate its unique culture. In his book, Lieb argues that New Orleans is a model for how cities can adapt to change and thrive.

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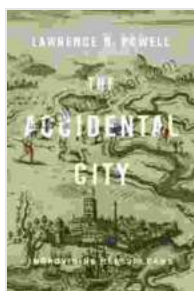
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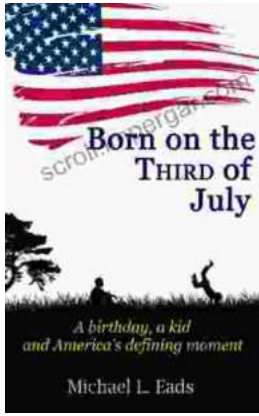
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