The Strange Career of William Ellis

William Ellis was a remarkable man. He was born in London in 1794, the son of a poor weaver. He had little formal education, but he was a voracious reader and he soon developed a passion for learning. In 1816, he joined the London Missionary Society, and in 1817 he was sent to the South Pacific as a missionary.



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Ellis spent ten years in the South Pacific, and during that time he made a significant impact on the lives of the people he met. He preached the gospel, he taught the people to read and write, and he helped them to develop their economy. He also wrote a number of books about his experiences, which were widely read in Britain and helped to shape public opinion about the South Pacific.

In 1827, Ellis returned to England, and he soon became a leading figure in the London Missionary Society. He was also a vocal supporter of the antislavery movement, and he played a key role in the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

In 1835, Ellis was appointed as the British Consul to the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii). He served in this role for five years, and during that time he helped to negotiate a treaty between Britain and the Hawaiian Kingdom. He also played a key role in the development of the Hawaiian economy, and he helped to establish the first sugar plantations in the islands.

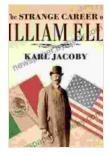
In 1840, Ellis returned to England, and he continued to be active in the London Missionary Society. He also wrote a number of books about his experiences in the South Pacific and in Hawaii. He died in 1872, and he is remembered as one of the most important figures in the history of the British Empire.

The Strange Career of William Ellis is a gripping account of the life of a remarkable man. Ellis was a true pioneer, and he played a pivotal role in the development of the British Empire. His story is an inspiration, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the British Empire, or in the life of one of its most fascinating characters.

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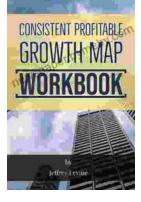
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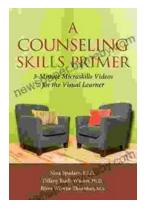
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