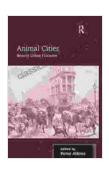
# **Unearthing the Hidden Histories of Our Animal Cities**

### **Exploring the Urban Ecosystems Where Humans and Animals Intertwine**

In the bustling tapestry of urban life, where concrete and skyscrapers dominate the landscape, it's easy to overlook the vibrant and complex world of animals that share our cities. But as award-winning author Katheryn Wright reveals in her captivating book, 'Animal Cities: Beastly Urban Histories,' these creatures are not mere bystanders; they are active participants in shaping our built environments and our own experiences of urban living.



#### Animal Cities: Beastly Urban Histories by Baby Professor

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Through a series of richly detailed and engaging stories, Wright invites us on a journey through urban ecosystems, from the medieval cathedrals of Europe to the modern skyscrapers of Asia. Along the way, we encounter a cast of extraordinary characters: pigeons that have become urban

navigators, foxes that have adapted to the rhythms of city life, and even barn owls that have found sanctuary in the heart of London.



## **Unveiling the Surprising Ways Animals Have Impacted Urban Development**

Wright's meticulous research uncovers the surprising ways in which animals have influenced urban planning and architecture. From the intricate designs of Gothic cathedrals, inspired by the structural principles observed in bird nests, to the vermin-proof granaries of ancient Rome, animals have left an enduring mark on our built heritage. Through these fascinating examples, Wright challenges the notion of cities as purely human creations, revealing the intricate interdependencies between humans and animals in shaping our urban landscapes.

But the relationship between animals and cities is not always harmonious. Wright also explores the conflicts that arise when human and animal

populations compete for space and resources. She examines the challenges of managing urban wildlife, from the ethical dilemmas surrounding animal control to the potential threats posed by invasive species. Through these discussions, Wright fosters a greater understanding of the complexities of urban ecosystems and the need for sustainable solutions that consider both human and animal well-being.

#### A Call for a More Inclusive Approach to Urban Planning

'Animal Cities: Beastly Urban Histories' is not just a historical account; it is a thought-provoking call for a more inclusive approach to urban planning. Wright argues that by recognizing the vital role animals play in our cities, we can create more sustainable and livable environments for both human and non-human residents. She envisions a future where urban design embraces biodiversity, incorporating green spaces, wildlife corridors, and animal-friendly building practices.

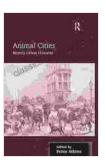
Through its captivating storytelling and rigorous scholarship, 'Animal Cities: Beastly Urban Histories' offers a fresh perspective on the history of urbanism and our relationship with the natural world. It is a must-read for anyone interested in urban history, ecology, animal behavior, or the future of our cities. By delving into the hidden histories of our animal cities, we gain a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of all life and the importance of creating truly sustainable urban environments for generations to come.

#### **About the Author: Katheryn Wright**

Katheryn Wright is an award-winning author, environmental historian, and lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research focuses on the historical and cultural interactions between animals and humans, with a

particular interest in urban environments. 'Animal Cities: Beastly Urban Histories' is her second book and has received widespread critical acclaim for its originality, depth of research, and engaging writing style.

To delve into the fascinating world of animal cities and discover how animals have shaped our urban landscapes, Free Download your copy of 'Animal Cities: Beastly Urban Histories' today!



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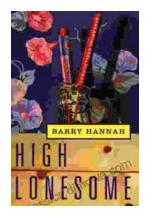
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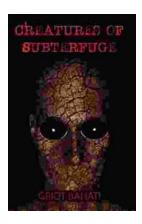
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