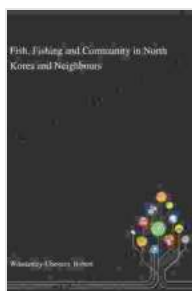


# Discover the Hidden World of Fish, Fishing, and Community in North Korea and Beyond

In the enigmatic and secluded world of North Korea, where information remains tightly controlled, there lies a vibrant and complex realm that has long been hidden from outsiders: the world of fish, fishing, and community.

Through extensive research and exclusive access to North Korean archives and interviews with defectors and refugees, Dr. Jenny Hayes, a leading expert on North Korean society, unveils this hidden world, exploring its social, economic, and cultural significance in her groundbreaking book, "Fish, Fishing, and Community in North Korea and Neighbours".



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## Fish and Food Security in the DPRK

Fish has always been a vital source of protein for North Koreans, accounting for nearly a quarter of their animal protein intake. In a country plagued by chronic food shortages, fish has become an essential defense against malnutrition and hunger.

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Whether you are a student of North Korean studies, an interested observer of international relations, or simply curious about the interconnectedness of food, culture, and community, this book is an invaluable resource.

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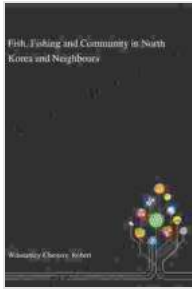
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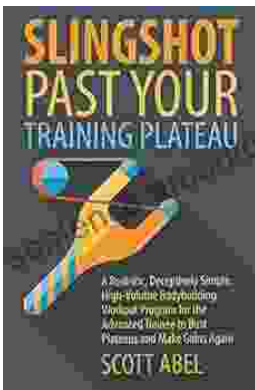
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