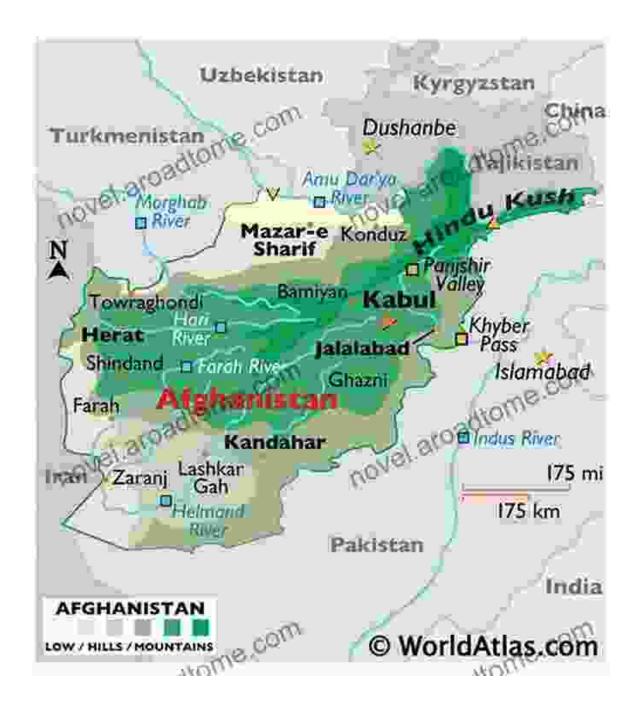
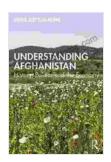
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History

Afghanistan's history is long and complex. The country has been invaded and conquered by numerous empires, including the Persians, Greeks, Mongols, and British. In the 18th century, Afghanistan emerged as an independent state under the rule of Ahmad Shah Durrani. However, the country was soon embroiled in a series of wars with its neighbors, including the British and the Russians.

In the 20th century, Afghanistan became a constitutional monarchy. However, the country was plagued by political instability and corruption. In 1978, a communist coup led to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The Soviet-Afghan War lasted for ten years and resulted in the deaths of over one million Afghans.

After the withdrawal of Soviet forces in 1989, Afghanistan descended into civil war. The Taliban, a fundamentalist Islamic group, emerged as the dominant force in the country. The Taliban imposed a strict interpretation of Islamic law on Afghanistan and committed numerous human rights abuses.

In 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan in response to the September 11 attacks. The Taliban was overthrown, and a new Afghan government was established.

Politics

Afghanistan is a republic with a presidential system of government. The president is the head of state and government. The National Assembly is the legislative branch of government. It consists of two houses: the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Afghanistan's political system is still in its early stages of development. The country has been plagued by corruption and instability since the fall of the Taliban. In recent years, there has been a resurgence of violence in Afghanistan, as the Taliban and other insurgent groups have launched attacks against the government and its international allies.

Economy

Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries in the world. The country's economy is heavily dependent on agriculture. However, Afghanistan also has a significant mineral wealth, including copper, gold, and natural gas.

The war in Afghanistan has had a devastating impact on the country's economy. Infrastructure has been destroyed, and businesses have been closed. Unemployment is high, and poverty is widespread.

The international community has provided billions of dollars in aid to Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban. However, corruption and mismanagement have limited the impact of this aid. Afghanistan's economy is still struggling to recover from the war.

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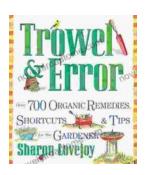
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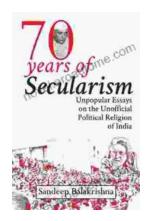
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