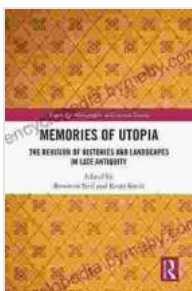


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Changing Landscapes and the Rise of New Narratives

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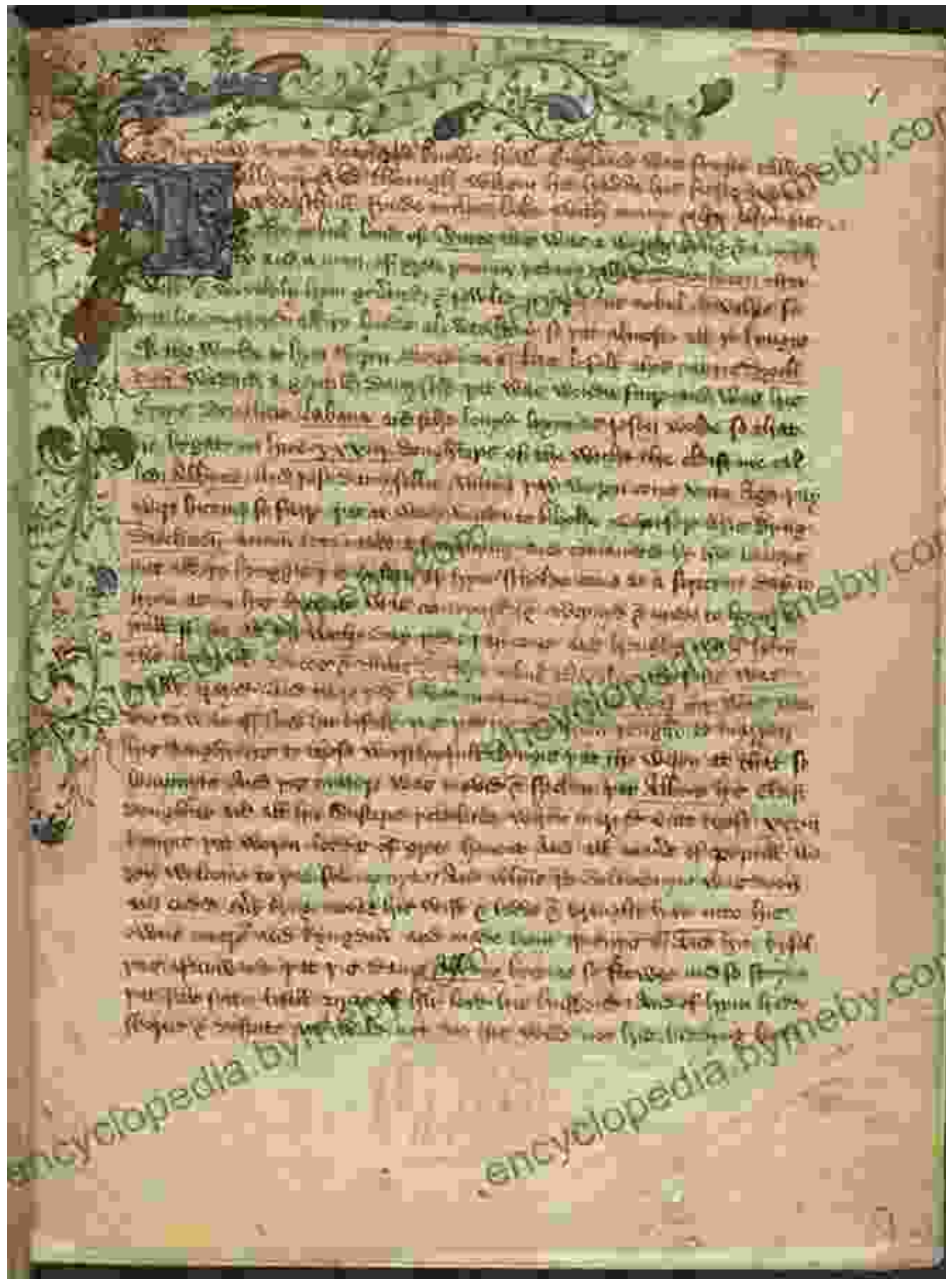


Abandoned cities, crumbling temples, and overgrown roads bore witness to a bygone era, while new churches, monasteries, and urban centers emerged, reshaping the landscape and infusing it with fresh meanings. The

authors explore how these changes influenced the ways in which people remembered and imagined the past.

Reinterpreting the Past: New Perspectives and Literary Responses

The changing landscape of late antiquity was mirrored by a reassessment of the past. Traditional historical accounts were scrutinized, and new narratives were constructed to accommodate the transformations of the time. Christian writers, for example, reinterpreted Roman history through a providential lens, while pagan authors sought to preserve and transmit the classical heritage.



Manuscript pages from a medieval chronicle illustrate the ways in which the past was reinterpreted and rewritten.

The authors examine the literary responses to these revisions, analyzing how writers such as Augustine, Orosius, and Cassiodorus shaped historical understanding and crafted new narratives that defined the late antique world.

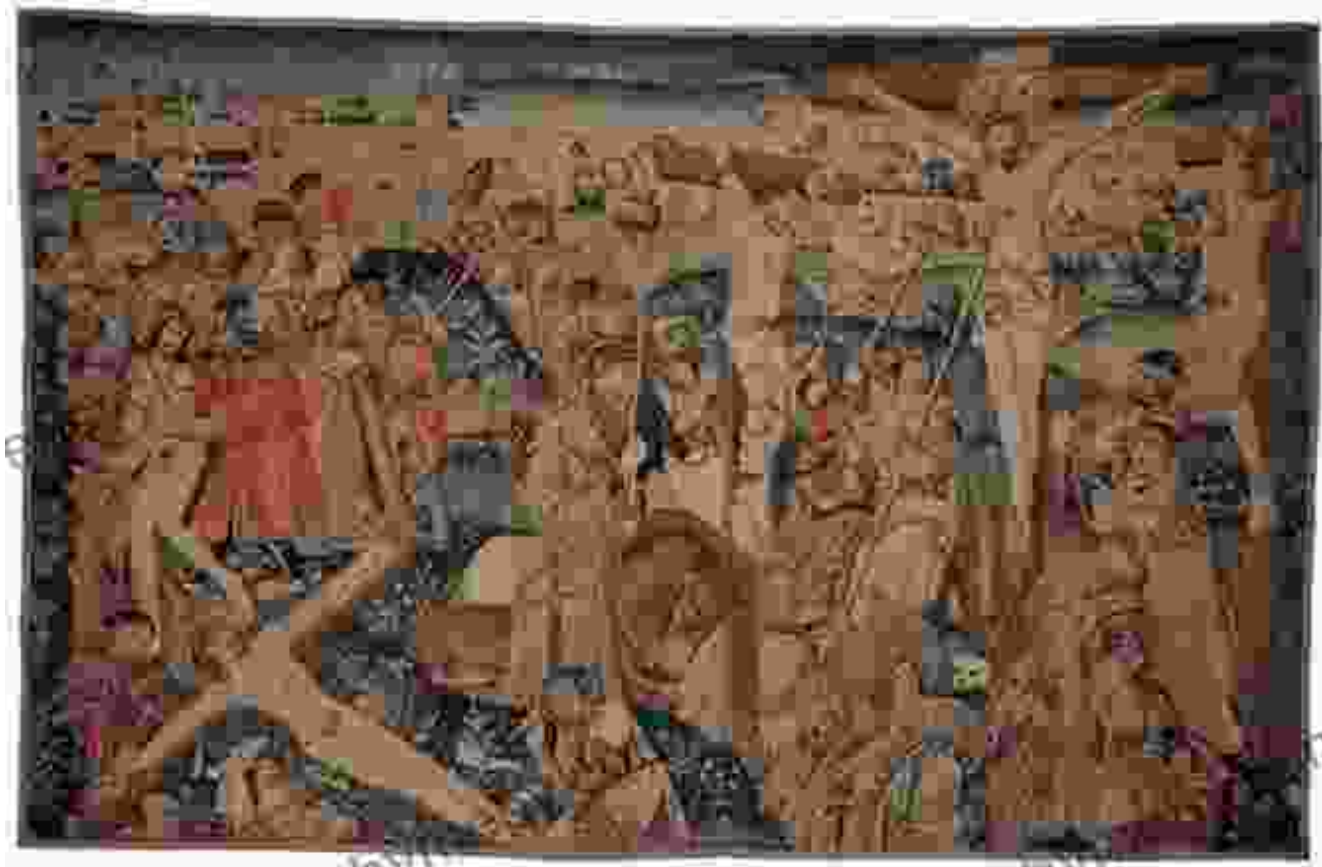
The Power of Memory and the Importance of Place

Memory and place played pivotal roles in the revision of histories and landscapes in late antiquity. The authors explore how the construction of monuments, the preservation of physical remains, and the performance of rituals served to evoke the past and shape collective memory.

They examine the ways in which the physical environment became a repository of historical knowledge and how the presence of ruins and other vestiges of the past influenced the ways in which people perceived and interacted with their surroundings.

The Legacy of Late Antiquity: Shaping the Medieval and Modern Worlds

The revisions of histories and landscapes in late antiquity had a lasting impact on the development of the medieval and modern worlds. The authors trace the transmission of ideas, narratives, and artistic motifs from late antiquity into subsequent periods, showing how the reshaping of the past continued to influence cultural and societal developments for centuries to come.

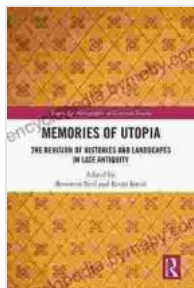


They explore the ways in which the study of late antiquity can shed light on the roots of our contemporary world and provide insights into the enduring power of historical narratives and the shaping of our landscapes.

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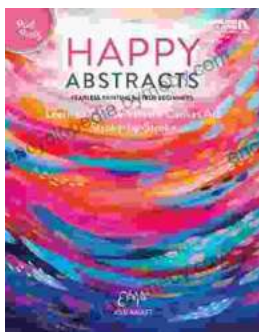
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