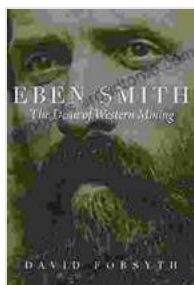


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Francis A. Thomson was a leading figure in the mining industry who helped shape the development of the American West. As the "Dean of Western Mining," Thomson was known for his expertise in mining engineering and technology, as well as his ability to manage large-scale mining operations. His career spanned over four decades, and he played a key role in the development of some of the most important mining districts in the United States.



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Thomson was born in Scotland in 1855. He came to the United States in 1873 and began working in the mines of Colorado. He quickly rose through the ranks, and by the early 1890s, he was one of the most respected mining engineers in the country. In 1893, he was appointed general manager of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, one of the largest mining companies in the world. Under Thomson's leadership, Anaconda

became one of the most successful mining companies in the United States, and Thomson himself became known as the "Copper King."

In addition to his work at Anaconda, Thomson also served as president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America. He was also a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Thomson's contributions to the mining industry were recognized with numerous awards, including the Congressional Medal of Honor. He died in 1934 at the age of 79.

Thomson's legacy continues to this day. He is considered one of the most important figures in the history of the mining industry, and his contributions to the development of the American West are still felt today. His book, *Mining the American West*, is a classic work on the history of mining in the United States. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the American West or the mining industry.

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Mining the American West is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of mining in the United States. It is a well-written and informative book that provides a comprehensive overview of the subject. Thomson's firsthand experience in the mining industry gives the book a unique perspective, and his insights into the development of the American West are invaluable.

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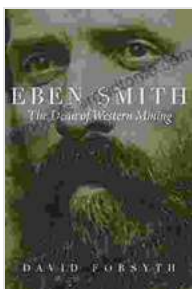
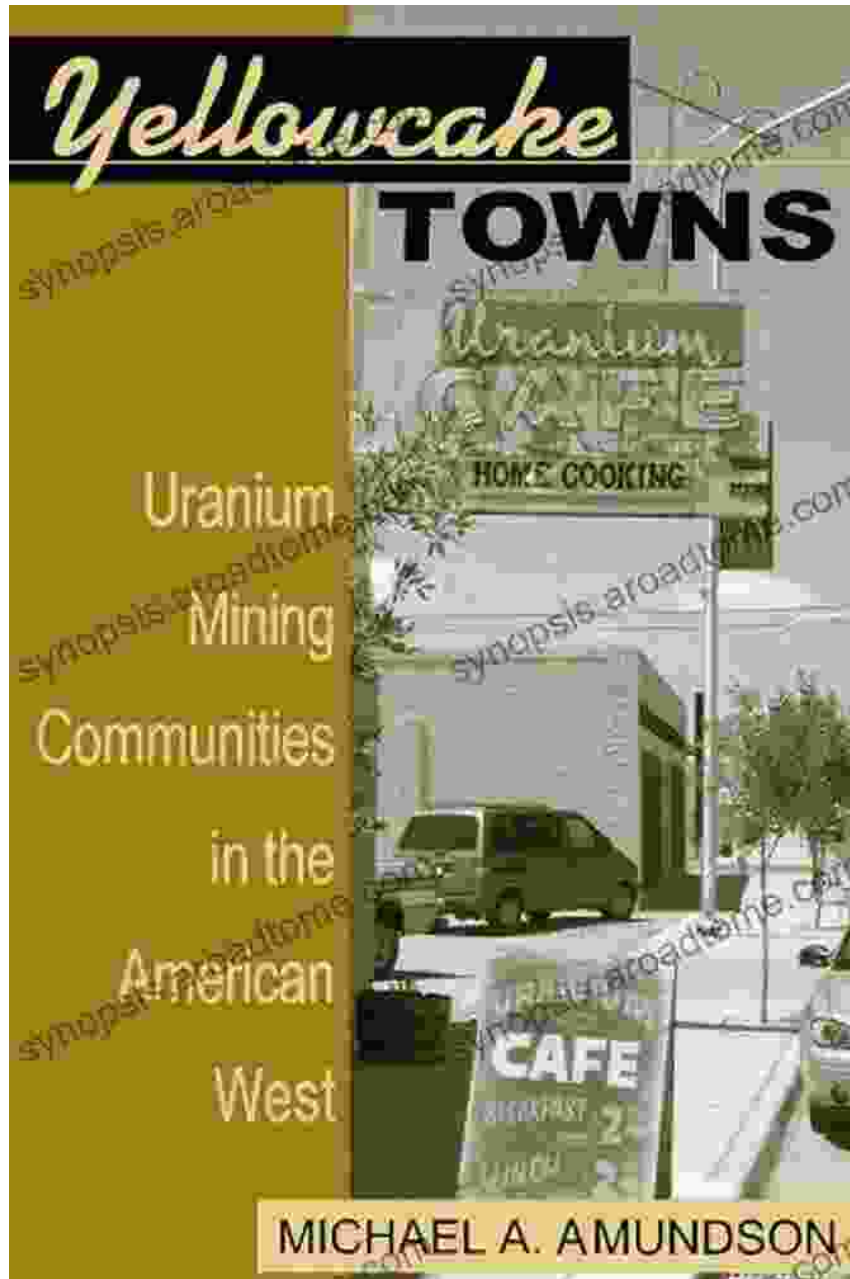
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Francis Thompson
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The Anaconda Copper Mine, one of the largest mining operations in the world



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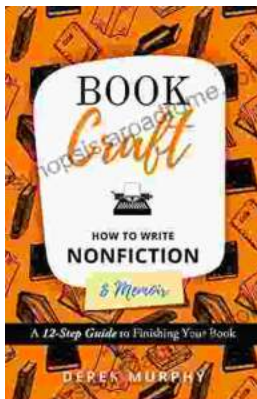
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