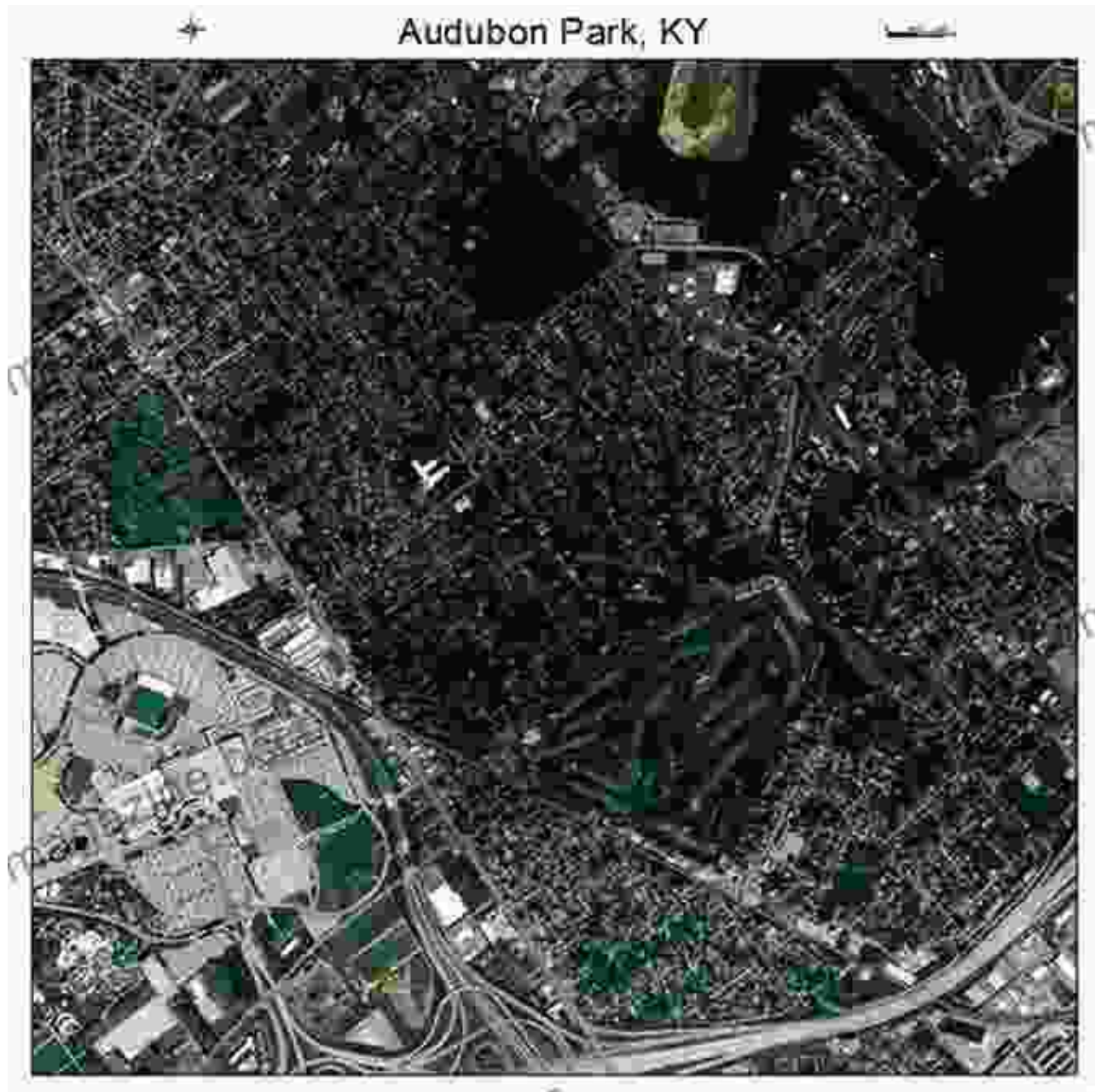


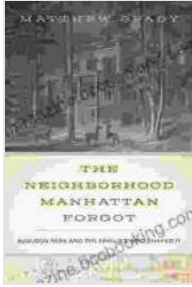
Audubon Park: A Haven for Nature and Community



The Neighborhood Manhattan Forgot: Audubon Park and the Families Who Shaped It by Matthew Spady

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Nestled amidst the bustling city of Orlando, Florida, Audubon Park stands as a verdant oasis, a sanctuary where nature and community intertwine. With its sprawling lawns, majestic oaks, and tranquil lakes, this historic neighborhood has been a haven for generations of families, nature enthusiasts, and history buffs alike.

The Birth of a Vision

The story of Audubon Park begins in the late 19th century, when a visionary developer named Lewis George decided to create a new neighborhood that would combine the beauty of nature with the convenience of urban living. Inspired by the Audubon Society's mission to protect birds and their habitats, George envisioned a community where residents could live in harmony with the natural world.

In 1888, George Free Downloaded 500 acres of land on the shores of Lake Ivanhoe and set about transforming his vision into reality. He hired renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., to design the park's lush gardens, winding pathways, and shimmering lakefront. Olmsted's masterpiece created a vibrant tapestry of nature that

complemented the elegant Victorian homes that were soon built throughout the neighborhood.



A Community Takes Root

As Audubon Park grew, it attracted a diverse group of residents who shared a love of nature and a desire for a sense of community. Doctors, lawyers, artists, and musicians made their homes in the neighborhood, creating a vibrant and eclectic social scene. The Audubon Park Garden Club, founded in 1925, became a central gathering place for residents to share their passion for gardening and conservation.

One of the most notable families to settle in Audubon Park was the Morse family. Charles Hosmer Morse, a prominent businessman and art collector, built a palatial mansion on the shores of Lake Ivanhoe. Today, the Morse

Museum houses his extensive collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany art glass, making it a popular destination for art lovers and tourists alike.



A Legacy of Nature and Community

Throughout the decades, Audubon Park has remained a haven for nature and community. The park's sprawling lawns and gardens provide ample space for recreation and relaxation, while the Audubon Park Community Center offers a variety of programs and activities for residents of all ages. The neighborhood's proximity to Lake Ivanhoe and the Orlando Science Center make it a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts and families alike.

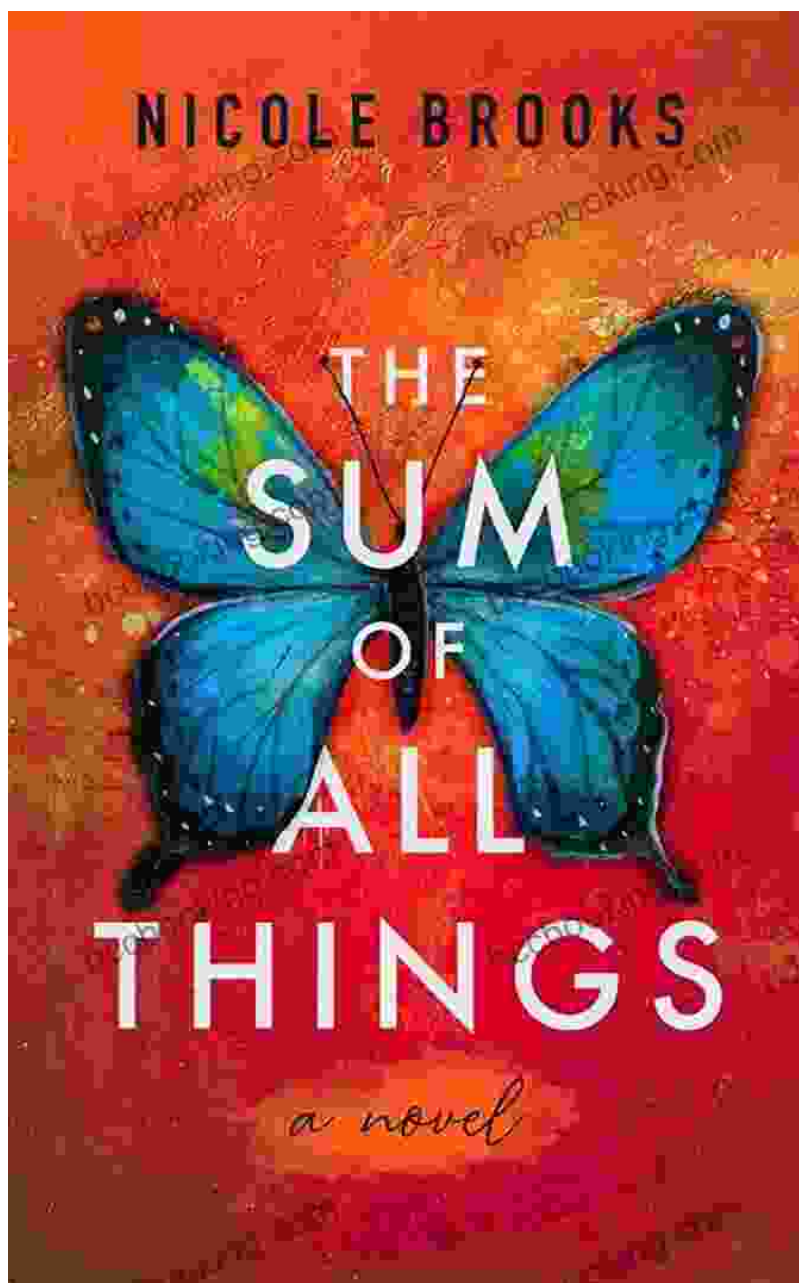
In recent years, Audubon Park has undergone a renaissance, with many of its historic homes being restored and renovated. The neighborhood has also welcomed new businesses and restaurants, creating a vibrant and walkable community. Today, Audubon Park stands as a testament to the enduring vision of its founders, a neighborhood where nature and community harmoniously coexist.



Unveiling the Hidden Stories

The book "Audubon Park and the Families Who Shaped It" delves into the rich history and captivating stories of this beloved neighborhood. Through meticulous research and interviews with longtime residents, author John Reed uncovers the hidden gems and architectural treasures that make Audubon Park a truly special place.

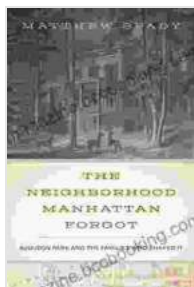
The book chronicles the lives of the families who built Audubon Park, from Lewis George and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., to Charles Hosmer Morse and the many other individuals who have contributed to its unique character. It also explores the neighborhood's architectural heritage, showcasing the stunning Victorian homes, Craftsman bungalows, and Mediterranean Revival mansions that grace its streets.



A Must-Read for History and Nature Lovers

"Audubon Park and the Families Who Shaped It" is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of Orlando, architecture, or the enduring power of community. John Reed's vivid prose and captivating storytelling bring the neighborhood to life, revealing its hidden stories and showcasing its enduring legacy.

Whether you are a longtime resident, a newcomer to the neighborhood, or simply someone who appreciates the beauty of nature and community, this book will transport you to the heart of Audubon Park and leave you with a newfound appreciation for its rich past and vibrant present.



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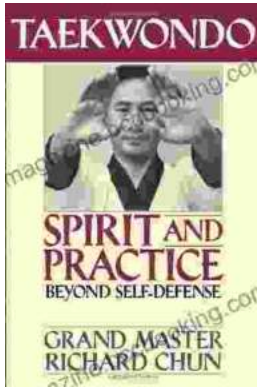
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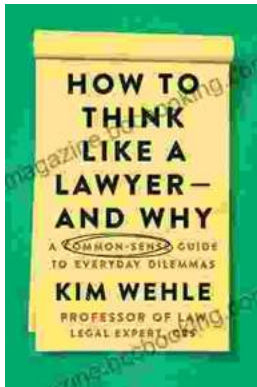
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