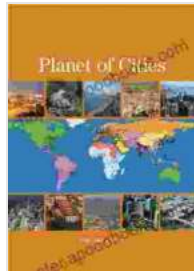


Planet of Cities: A Bold Vision for the Future of Urbanism



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In his groundbreaking work, *Planet of Cities*, Shlomo Angel offers a comprehensive analysis of the challenges and opportunities facing cities in the 21st century. He argues that the future of urbanism lies in creating more sustainable, livable, and equitable cities. Angel provides a roadmap for building these cities, and his vision is both bold and inspiring.

The Challenges Facing Cities

Cities are facing a number of challenges, including:

- **Climate change:** Cities are major contributors to climate change, and they are also vulnerable to its effects. Climate change is causing sea levels to rise, which is threatening coastal cities. It is also leading to more extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, floods, and droughts.

- **Population growth:** The world's population is growing rapidly, and much of this growth is occurring in cities. This is putting a strain on city resources, such as housing, water, and transportation.
- **Economic inequality:** Cities are becoming increasingly divided between the rich and the poor. This inequality is leading to social unrest and political instability.

The Opportunities for Cities

Despite the challenges they face, cities also have a number of opportunities. These opportunities include:

- **Innovation:** Cities are hubs of innovation. They are home to universities, research institutions, and businesses that are developing new technologies and solutions to the challenges facing the world.
- **Diversity:** Cities are diverse places, and this diversity can be a source of strength. Cities that embrace diversity are more likely to be creative, innovative, and resilient.
- **Community:** Cities are places where people can come together to build community. They are places where people can share ideas, learn from each other, and work together to make a difference.

Building Sustainable, Livable, and Equitable Cities

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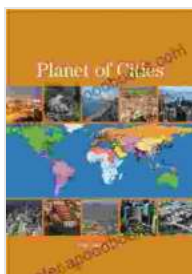
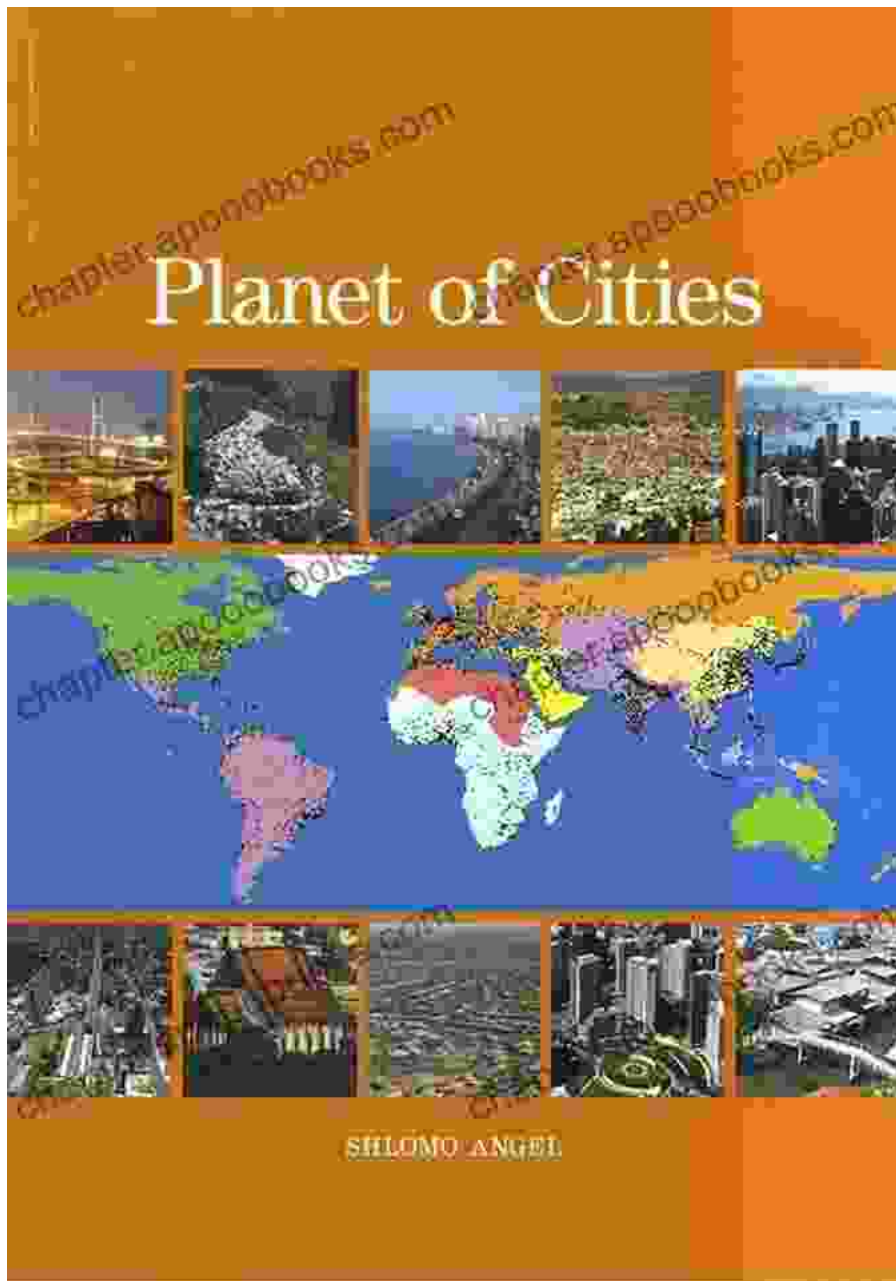
- **Investing in public transportation:** Public transportation is a more sustainable and equitable way to get around than cars. It can help to

reduce air pollution, traffic congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Creating affordable housing:** Affordable housing is essential for creating more equitable cities. It can help to reduce poverty, homelessness, and crime.
- **Investing in green infrastructure:** Green infrastructure, such as parks, green roofs, and rain gardens, can help to improve air and water quality, reduce flooding, and provide habitat for wildlife.
- **Empowering local communities:** Local communities should be empowered to make decisions about their own neighborhoods. This can help to create more responsive and accountable government.

Angel's vision for the future of urbanism is bold and inspiring. He believes that cities can be places where people can live healthy, happy, and fulfilling lives. He provides a roadmap for building these cities, and his vision is one that we should all strive to achieve.

Planet of Cities is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the future of urbanism. Angel provides a comprehensive analysis of the challenges and opportunities facing cities in the 21st century, and he offers a roadmap for building more sustainable, livable, and equitable cities. His vision is both bold and inspiring, and it is one that we should all strive to achieve.



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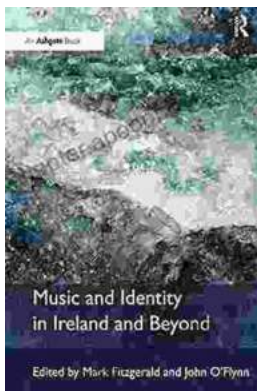
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