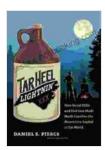
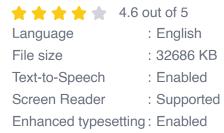
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Moonshine is a type of distilled alcoholic beverage that is typically made from corn mash. It is often produced illegally, and it has a long history in the United States. In North Carolina, moonshine has been produced for centuries, and the state has a rich tradition of moonshining.

During the Prohibition era, moonshining was a major industry in North Carolina. The state's mountainous terrain and dense forests provided ideal hiding places for moonshiners, and the state's proximity to major cities like Charlotte and Greensboro made it a convenient place to distribute moonshine.

Moonshiners in North Carolina used a variety of methods to evade the law. They often built secret stills in remote areas, and they used fast cars to outrun law enforcement officers. Some moonshiners even used airplanes to transport moonshine across state lines.

The moonshine industry in North Carolina had a significant impact on the state's culture and economy. Moonshining provided a livelihood for many people, and it helped to create a sense of community among moonshiners and their supporters.

In the modern era, moonshining is still a part of North Carolina's culture. However, the industry has changed significantly since the days of Prohibition. Today, many moonshiners produce their moonshine legally, and they sell it to tourists and other consumers.

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#### The Moonshine Capital of the United States

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#### **Moonshine and Fast Cars**

Moonshiners in North Carolina have always had a close relationship with fast cars. Fast cars were used to outrun law enforcement officers, and they were also used to transport moonshine across state lines.

Some of the most famous moonshiners in North Carolina were also NASCAR drivers. Junior Johnson, one of the most successful NASCAR drivers of all time, started his career as a moonshiner. Johnson used his moonshining profits to fund his racing career, and he went on to win 50 NASCAR races.

The connection between moonshine and fast cars is still strong today.

Many moonshiners continue to use fast cars to transport their moonshine,
and some moonshiners even race their cars in NASCAR events.

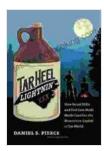
#### **The Moonshine Trail**

The Moonshine Trail is a 200-mile trail that follows the path of moonshiners in North Carolina. The trail winds through the state's mountains and foothills, and it passes by many of the sites where moonshine was once produced.

The Moonshine Trail is a popular tourist destination, and it offers visitors a chance to learn about the state's moonshine history. Along the trail, visitors can visit moonshine museums, sample moonshine, and meet moonshiners.

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If you are interested in learning more about North Carolina's moonshine history, I encourage you to visit the Moonshine Trail. The trail is a great way to learn about the state's moonshine heritage, and it offers visitors a chance to sample some of the state's best moonshine.

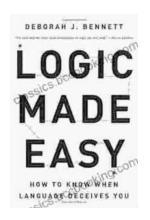


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