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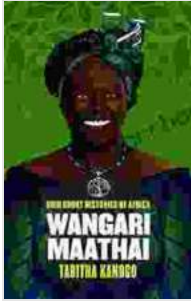
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Wangari Maathai was a Kenyan environmentalist and social justice activist who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her contributions to sustainable development, democracy, and peace. She was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Maathai was born in 1940 in the village of Ithi in central Kenya. She was the only girl in her family, and her parents encouraged her to pursue an education. Maathai attended the University of East Africa, where she earned a degree in biology. She later studied at the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned a degree in forestry.

After returning to Kenya, Maathai worked as a lecturer at the University of Nairobi. She became increasingly concerned about the environmental degradation that was taking place in her country. In 1977, she founded the Green Belt Movement, a non-profit organization that planted trees and worked to promote environmental conservation.

The Green Belt Movement was a huge success, and it has planted over 51 million trees in Kenya. The movement has also helped to improve the livelihoods of women and families in the country. Maathai's work with the Green Belt Movement earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

In addition to her work with the Green Belt Movement, Maathai was also a vocal advocate for democracy and human rights. She was a member of the Kenyan Parliament and served as the Assistant Minister for Environment and Natural Resources. Maathai was also a strong supporter of the women's rights movement.

Wangari Maathai was a remarkable woman who made a significant contribution to the world. She was a tireless advocate for environmental protection, social justice, and peace. Her work continues to inspire people around the world.

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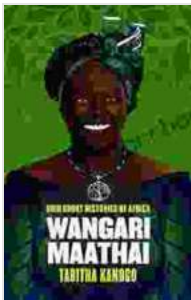
The series is published by Ohio University Press and is edited by Toyin Falola, a distinguished professor of African history at the University of Texas at Austin. Falola is the author of over 100 books on African history and culture.

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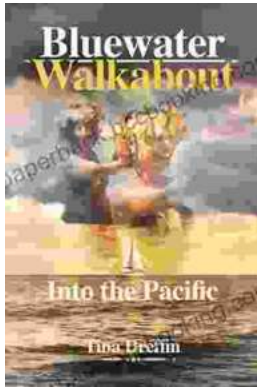


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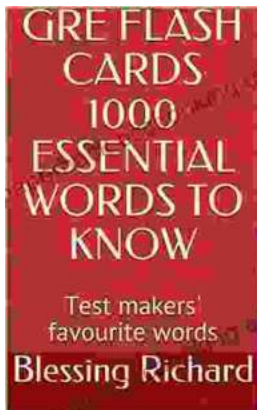
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