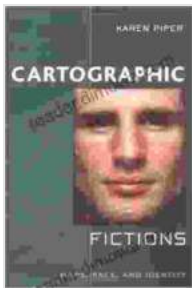


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## Chapter 1: The European Discovery of Africa

The first European maps of Africa were created in the 15th century. These maps were based on the accounts of European explorers who had traveled

to Africa in search of trade and adventure. These early maps were often inaccurate and distorted, but they nevertheless had a profound impact on European perceptions of Africa.

The early European maps of Africa depicted Africa as a dark and savage continent. These maps reinforced the idea that Africans were inferior to Europeans, and they helped to justify the European conquest of Africa. The early European maps of Africa also played a role in the development of scientific racism. These maps were used to support the idea that there were different races of humans, and that the white race was superior to all other races.

## **Chapter 2: The Colonial Era**

The colonial era was a period of great cartographic activity. European powers commissioned maps of their colonies in Free Download to better control and exploit them. These maps were often used to justify the colonial project, and they also played a role in the development of racial segregation.

The colonial maps of Africa were often highly inaccurate and distorted. They often exaggerated the size of European colonies and downplayed the size of African kingdoms. These maps also often depicted Africans in a stereotypical and demeaning way.

## **Chapter 3: The Postcolonial Era**

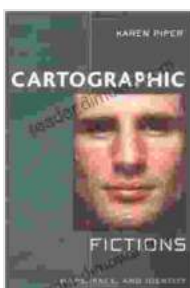
The postcolonial era has seen a growing awareness of the ways in which maps have been used to construct and reinforce racial identities. This awareness has led to a number of critical cartographic projects that have sought to challenge the traditional ways of representing race on maps.

These critical cartographic projects have often used alternative mapping techniques to challenge the traditional ways of representing race on maps. These techniques include using different colors to represent different races, using different symbols to represent different racial groups, and using different projections to create different maps of the world.

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The critical cartographic projects that have been developed in the postcolonial era have helped us to better understand the ways in which maps have been used to construct and reinforce racial identities. These projects have also helped us to develop new ways of representing race on maps that are more accurate and less biased.



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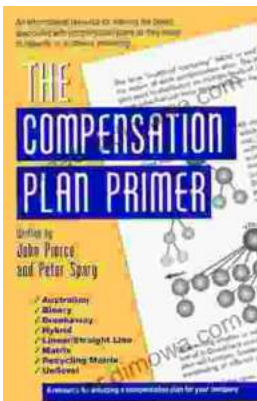
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