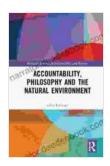
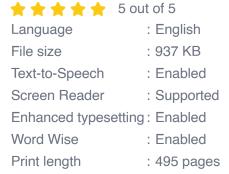
# Accountability Philosophy And The Natural Environment: Routledge Research In Environmental Ethics

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#### **Accountability and the Natural Environment**

The concept of accountability is central to our moral and political lives. We hold ourselves and others accountable for our actions, and we expect to be held accountable by them. Accountability is a way of ensuring that people

are responsible for their actions and that they are held to account for the consequences of their decisions.

The concept of accountability can also be applied to the natural environment. We can hold ourselves and others accountable for our impact on the environment, and we can expect to be held accountable by future generations for the choices we make today.

There are a number of reasons why accountability is important for the natural environment. First, accountability can help to raise awareness of environmental issues. When people are held accountable for their impact on the environment, they are more likely to be mindful of their actions and to make choices that are less harmful to the environment.

Second, accountability can help to deter harmful behavior. When people know that they will be held accountable for their actions, they are less likely to engage in behavior that is harmful to the environment.

Third, accountability can help to create a sense of responsibility for the natural environment. When people are held accountable for their impact on the environment, they are more likely to feel a sense of responsibility for protecting the environment.

## A Comprehensive Account of Accountability for the Natural Environment

This book develops a comprehensive account of accountability for the natural environment. The account draws on a range of philosophical traditions, including ethics, political theory, and environmental philosophy. The account is based on the following four principles:

- 1. **The principle of responsibility**: We are responsible for the consequences of our actions, even if we did not intend to cause harm.
- 2. **The principle of accountability**: We can be held accountable for our actions by others, even if we did not intend to cause harm.
- 3. **The principle of reparation**: We have a duty to repair the harm that we have caused to the environment.
- 4. **The principle of prevention**: We have a duty to prevent harm to the environment.

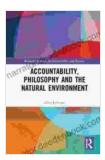
These four principles provide a framework for understanding and addressing environmental issues. The principles can be used to assess the ethical implications of different actions and to develop policies that are designed to protect the environment.

This book argues that accountability can provide a valuable framework for understanding and addressing environmental issues. The book develops a comprehensive account of accountability for the natural environment that is based on the principles of responsibility, accountability, reparation, and prevention. The book concludes that accountability is essential for protecting the environment and for creating a more sustainable future.

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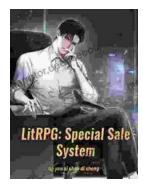
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