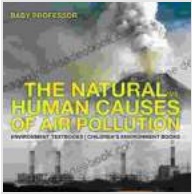


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Natural Causes of Air Pollution

Air pollution can occur naturally from a variety of sources, including:

- **Volcanic eruptions** release large amounts of sulfur dioxide, ash, and other pollutants into the atmosphere.
- **Forest fires** release smoke, particulate matter, and other pollutants into the air.
- **Dust storms** can carry large amounts of dust and other particles into the atmosphere.
- **Sea salt** can be released into the atmosphere by waves crashing against the shore.
- **Biological processes**, such as the decay of organic matter, can release pollutants into the air.

While natural sources of air pollution can contribute to poor air quality, they are typically not as significant as human-caused sources.

Human Causes of Air Pollution

Human activities are the primary cause of air pollution. The following are some of the major human-caused sources of air pollution:

- **Transportation** is a major source of air pollution, particularly in urban areas. Vehicles emit a variety of pollutants, including carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
- **Industrial activities** can release a variety of pollutants into the air, including sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and VOCs.
- **Power plants** that burn fossil fuels release large amounts of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.
- **Residential heating and cooking** can release pollutants such as particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and VOCs into the air.
- **Waste disposal**, such as landfills and incinerators, can release pollutants such as methane, carbon dioxide, and VOCs into the air.

Human-caused air pollution can have a number of negative effects on human health and the environment.

Effects of Air Pollution

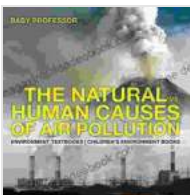
Air pollution can have a number of negative effects on human health, including:

- **Respiratory problems**, such as asthma, bronchitis, and emphysema
- **Cardiovascular problems**, such as heart disease and stroke
- **Cancer**
- **Neurological problems**, such as headaches and dizziness
- **Reproductive problems**, such as premature birth and low birth weight

Air pollution can also damage the environment, including:

- **Damage to crops and forests**
- **Acid rain**
- **Climate change**

Air pollution is a major environmental problem that affects both human health and the planet's ecosystems. While some air pollution occurs naturally, the majority of it is caused by human activities. Reducing air pollution requires a concerted effort from governments, businesses, and individuals to reduce emissions from transportation, industry, power plants, and other sources.



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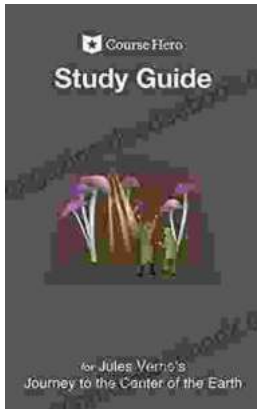
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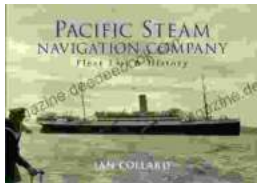
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