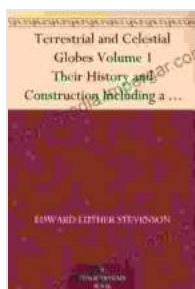


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The Golden Age of Globemaking

The 16th and 17th centuries marked a golden age for globemaking. Master craftsmen, such as Gerardus Mercator and Martin Behaim, produced globes that were both scientifically accurate and aesthetically stunning. These globes, adorned with intricate engravings, carvings, and hand-painted celestial bodies, became objects of great beauty and intellectual fascination.

Evolution of Globemaking Techniques

Over the centuries, globemaking techniques evolved to meet the demands of navigation, cartography, and scientific research. Paper gores replaced manuscript parchment, allowing for increased precision and durability. The invention of the air pump in the 17th century enabled the production of hollow globes, further enhancing their functionality and accuracy.

Modern Globemaking: A Blend of Art and Science

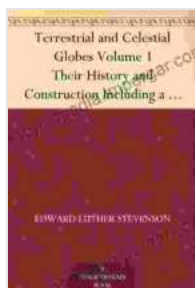
Today, globemaking combines the finest traditions of craftsmanship with state-of-the-art technology. Digital mapping and high-resolution imagery empower globemakers to create globes that are both visually stunning and scientifically accurate. Whether used for education, navigation, or

decoration, modern globes continue to inspire wonder and foster a deep appreciation for our place in the universe.

Terrestrial and Celestial Globes have played an indispensable role throughout history, serving as tools of navigation, sources of scientific knowledge, and objects of artistic beauty. Their enduring legacy is a testament to the human desire to explore, understand, and marvel at the vastness of our world and the heavens above.

Recommended Reading

- **Terrestrial and Celestial Globes: Their History and Construction** by Derek Howse and John Kain



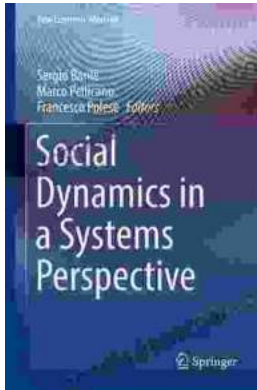
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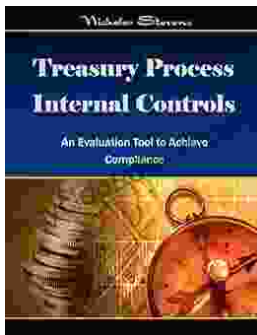
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