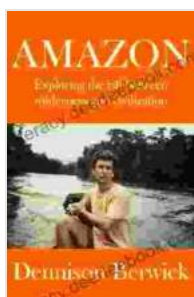


# Amazon: Exploring the Rift Between Wilderness and Civilization

The Amazon rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, covering an area of over 5.5 million square kilometers. It is home to an estimated 10% of the world's known species, and is considered to be the most biodiverse place on Earth.

The Amazon is a vital part of the global ecosystem. It plays a role in regulating the Earth's climate, and it provides a source of food, water, and shelter for millions of people.



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However, the Amazon is also facing a number of threats, including deforestation, climate change, and pollution. These threats are putting the rainforest's biodiversity at risk, and are also having a negative impact on the lives of the people who live there.

## **Deforestation**

Deforestation is the clearing of forest land for other uses, such as agriculture, logging, or mining. It is one of the biggest threats to the Amazon rainforest.

Between 1990 and 2005, the Amazon lost over 400,000 square kilometers of forest. This is an area equivalent to the size of Germany.

Deforestation has a number of negative consequences for the environment. It can lead to soil erosion, water pollution, and climate change.

Deforestation also has a negative impact on the people who live in the Amazon. It can lead to the loss of traditional hunting and fishing grounds, and can also displace people from their homes.

## **Climate Change**

Climate change is another major threat to the Amazon rainforest.

The Amazon is a major carbon sink. It absorbs carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and stores it in its trees and soil.

However, climate change is causing the Amazon to release more carbon dioxide than it absorbs.

This is because climate change is causing the Amazon to become drier and warmer.

As the Amazon dries out, its trees are more likely to die. This releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Climate change is also making the Amazon more susceptible to fire.

Fires can destroy vast areas of the Amazon rainforest.

## **Pollution**

Pollution is another major threat to the Amazon rainforest.

Pollution can come from a variety of sources, including mining, logging, and agriculture.

Pollution can damage the Amazon's soil, water, and air.

Pollution can also have a negative impact on the health of the people who live in the Amazon.

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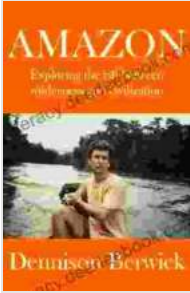
It is important to take action to protect the Amazon rainforest.

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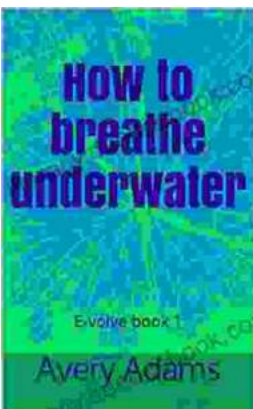


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