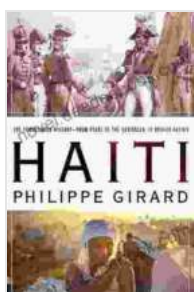


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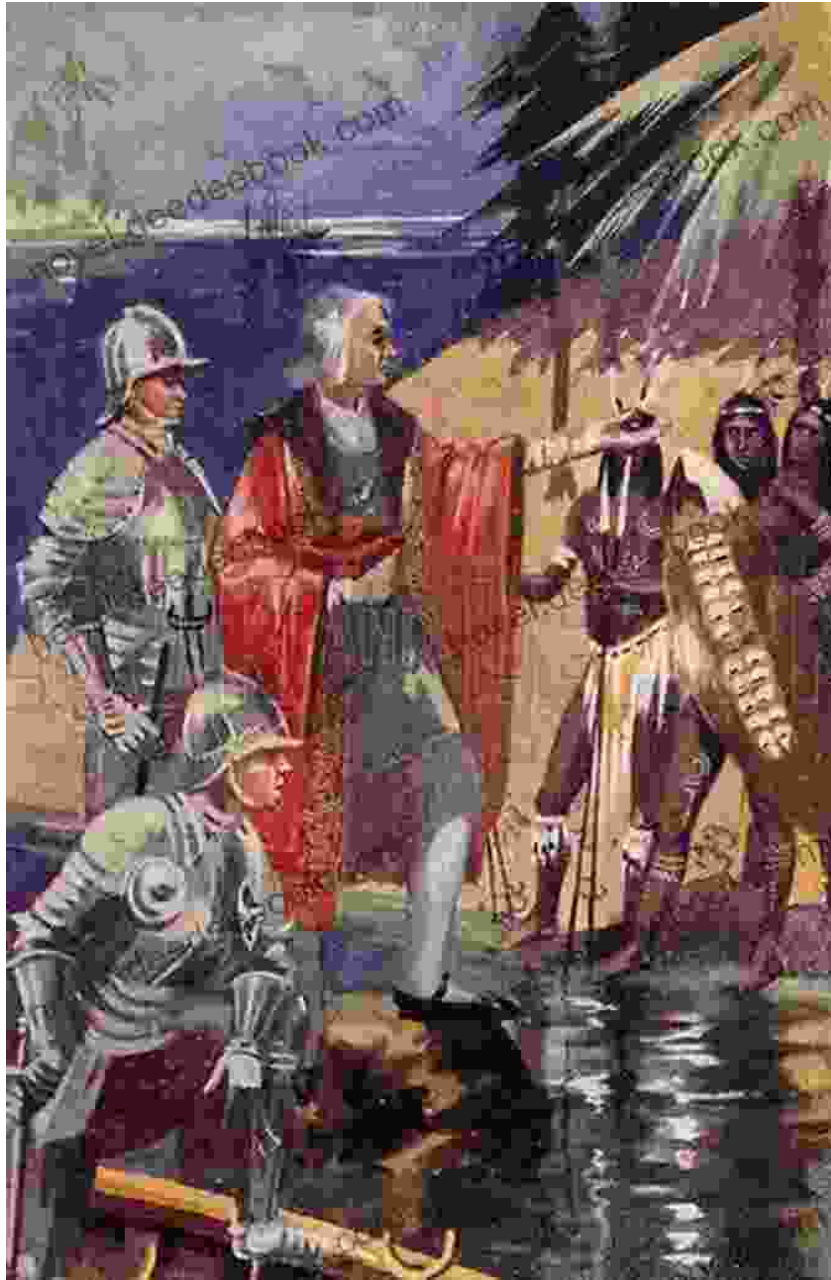
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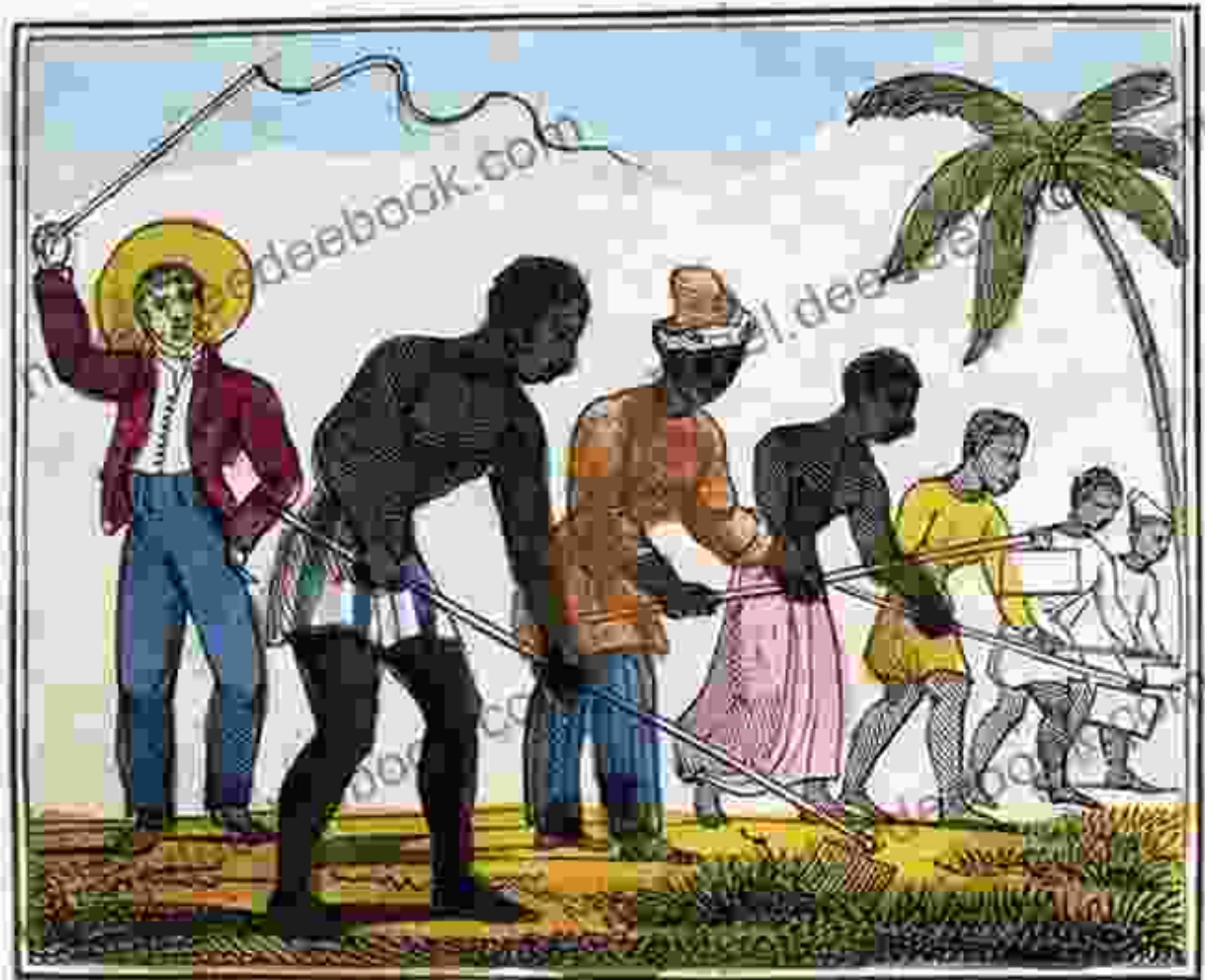
## Colonial Legacy



Jamaica was first encountered by Christopher Columbus in 1494, and it quickly became a strategic outpost for Spanish colonists. The island's fertile soil and abundance of natural resources attracted settlers, and the indigenous Taino people were enslaved and exploited.

In the 17th century, Jamaica was captured by the British, who established a sugar plantation economy that relied heavily on slave labor. The conditions

on these plantations were brutal, and the African slaves who worked them endured unimaginable suffering.



The slave trade in the British Empire brought millions of Africans to Jamaica and other Caribbean colonies

Slavery was finally abolished in Jamaica in 1838, but the legacy of colonialism continued to shape the island's society and economy. The former plantation owners remained in control of much of the land and wealth, while the majority of the population lived in poverty.

## Independence and Beyond

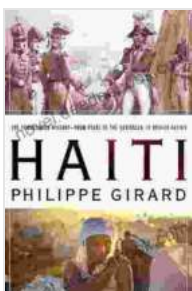


Jamaica gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1962, and the newly independent nation faced a daunting array of challenges. The economy was struggling, there was widespread unemployment, and political tensions were high.

In the years following independence, Jamaica experienced a period of economic growth and social progress. However, these gains were undermined by political instability and corruption. In the 1970s, the island was plagued by violence and economic crisis.



Bob Marley, Jamaica's most famous musician, helped to raise the island's profile on



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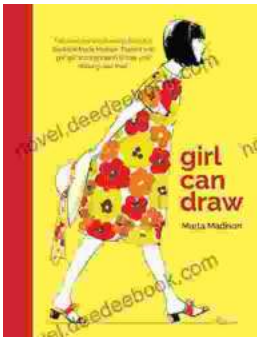






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