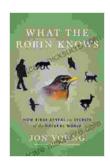
# What the Robin Knows: A Journey Through Time and Nature

The robin is a familiar and well-loved bird, found throughout much of the Northern Hemisphere. It is a small, plump bird with a distinctive red breast and a cheerful song. Robins are often associated with spring and new beginnings, and they are a welcome sight after a long winter. But what do we really know about these fascinating creatures?



## What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World by Jon Young

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In her new book, *What the Robin Knows*, award-winning author and photographer Juliet Nicolson takes us on a lyrical and evocative journey through time and nature, narrated by the wise and observant robin. From the first stirrings of spring to the deep slumber of winter, the robin witnesses the changing seasons and the unfolding drama of life and death in the natural world.

Nicolson's prose is both beautiful and informative, and her photographs are stunning. She captures the robin's unique perspective on the world, and

she shares her insights into the robin's behavior, biology, and ecology. We learn about the robin's diet, its nesting habits, and its migration patterns. We also learn about the robin's role in the ecosystem, and its importance to other animals and plants.

What the Robin Knows is a book that will inspire and enchant readers of all ages. It is a celebration of the beauty and wonder of the natural world, and a reminder of the importance of conservation. It is also a book that will make you appreciate the robin in a whole new way.

#### The Robin's Journey

The robin's journey begins in the early spring, when it returns to its breeding grounds after a long winter. The robin's first task is to find a mate and build a nest. Robins typically build their nests in trees or shrubs, and they use a variety of materials, including twigs, leaves, and moss. The female robin lays four to six eggs, which she incubates for about two weeks. The chicks hatch altricial, meaning that they are born naked and helpless. The female robin feeds the chicks until they are old enough to fledge, which usually takes about three weeks.

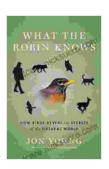
Once the chicks have fledged, the robin family begins to explore their surroundings. The chicks learn to forage for food, and they begin to develop their own songs. The robin family will stay together for several months, until the chicks are fully grown and independent. In the fall, the robins will begin to migrate south to warmer climates. They will spend the winter in flocks, and they will return to their breeding grounds in the spring.

#### The Robin's World

The robin's world is a complex and fascinating one. Robins are social creatures, and they live in flocks. They are also territorial, and they will defend their territory from other robins. Robins are omnivores, and they eat a variety of foods, including insects, fruits, and seeds. They are also known to eat small reptiles and amphibians.

Robins are important members of the ecosystem. They help to control insect populations, and they disperse seeds. Robins are also a food source for other animals, such as hawks and owls. Robins are a symbol of spring and new beginnings, and they are a welcome sight after a long winter. They are a reminder of the beauty and wonder of the natural world, and they are a symbol of hope.

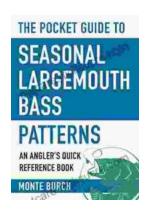
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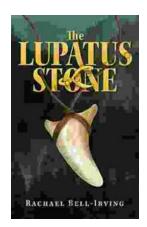
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