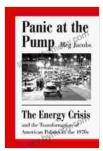
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Ip argues that the current high gas prices are not simply the result of a supply and demand imbalance. Rather, they are the result of a number of factors, including the geopolitical turmoil in the Middle East, the rise of China as a major energy consumer, and the increasing demand for oil from developing countries.

Ip also examines the role of speculators in the oil market. He argues that speculators do not drive up gas prices, but rather they respond to changes in the market. When the price of oil is rising, speculators buy oil futures contracts in the hope of making a profit. This can create a self-fulfilling prophecy, as the increased demand for oil futures contracts drives up the price of oil.

Ip concludes by arguing that the world needs to find new ways to meet its energy needs. He calls for a shift to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power. He also argues that the US government needs to do more to promote energy efficiency and conservation.

Panic at the Pump is a timely and important book that sheds light on the complex issue of gas prices. Ip's clear and concise writing makes this book accessible to readers of all levels. Whether you are a concerned consumer or a policymaker, Panic at the Pump is a must-read.

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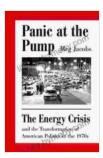
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