Embracing: An Account of the Discovery of the True Source of the Mississippi



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The Mississippi River is one of the most iconic rivers in the world. It is the second longest river in North America, and it drains a vast area of the central United States. The Mississippi River has been a vital transportation route for centuries, and it has played a major role in the history of the United States.

For many years, the source of the Mississippi River was a mystery. Explorers had followed the river upstream for hundreds of miles, but they could never find its true source. In 1832, a young explorer named Henry Schoolcraft set out to find the source of the Mississippi River. Schoolcraft traveled up the Mississippi River for months, and he finally reached a point where the river became too shallow to navigate. Schoolcraft abandoned his boat and continued on foot, following the river upstream.

After several days of hiking, Schoolcraft reached a small lake. He realized that this lake was the source of the Mississippi River. Schoolcraft named the lake Lake Itasca, and he claimed it as the true source of the Mississippi River.

Schoolcraft's discovery was a major breakthrough in the exploration of the Mississippi River. It finally solved the mystery of the river's source, and it gave explorers a new understanding of the river's geography.

Embracing is a fascinating account of Henry Schoolcraft's discovery of the true source of the Mississippi River. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of exploration and discovery.

Chapter 1: The Early Years

Henry Schoolcraft was born in Albany, New York, in 1793. His father was a glassmaker, and his mother was a schoolteacher. Schoolcraft was a bright child, and he showed an early interest in science and exploration.

In 1806, Schoolcraft's family moved to Kentucky. Schoolcraft continued his education in Kentucky, and he also began to explore the wilderness. He was fascinated by the natural beauty of Kentucky, and he spent many hours hiking and camping in the woods.

In 1818, Schoolcraft joined the United States Army. He served as a topographer, and he was responsible for mapping the territory of Michigan. Schoolcraft's work as a topographer gave him a firsthand view of the vast wilderness of the Midwest.

Chapter 2: The Search for the Source of the Mississippi River

In 1832, Schoolcraft was assigned to lead an expedition to find the source of the Mississippi River. Schoolcraft assembled a team of explorers, and they set out from Fort Snelling, Minnesota. The expedition traveled up the Mississippi River for months, and they finally reached a point where the river became too shallow to navigate.

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Chapter 3: The Legacy of Henry Schoolcraft

Henry Schoolcraft's discovery of the true source of the Mississippi River was a major breakthrough in the exploration of the Midwest. It finally solved the mystery of the river's source, and it gave explorers a new understanding of the river's geography.

Schoolcraft was also a talented writer and artist. He wrote several books about his explorations, and he also painted many landscapes of the Midwest. Schoolcraft's work helped to promote the Midwest to the rest of the country, and it played a major role in the settlement of the region. Henry Schoolcraft was a true pioneer. He was a brilliant explorer, a gifted writer, and a talented artist. His work helped to shape the history of the Midwest, and his legacy continues to inspire today.

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