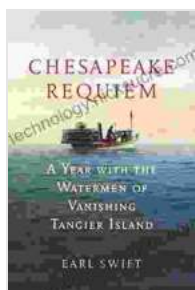


# A Year With The Watermen Of Vanishing Tangier Island

Tangier Island, a remote island in the Chesapeake Bay, is slowly disappearing due to rising sea levels. The island's watermen, who have relied on the bay for generations, are now facing an uncertain future.



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This article follows the watermen of Tangier Island for a year, documenting their way of life and the challenges they face.

## The Watermen

The watermen of Tangier Island are a hardy group of people who have made their living from the Chesapeake Bay for generations. They are skilled fishermen, crabbers, and oystermen who know the bay like the back of their hands.

But the watermen's way of life is under threat. Rising sea levels are causing the island to erode, and the bay's fisheries are declining. The watermen are now facing an uncertain future.

## **The Challenges**

The watermen of Tangier Island face a number of challenges, including:

- **Rising sea levels:** The Chesapeake Bay is rising at a rate of about 1.5 feet per century. This is causing the island to erode, and it is also making it more difficult for the watermen to access their fishing grounds.
- **Declining fisheries:** The Chesapeake Bay's fisheries are in decline due to a number of factors, including overfishing, pollution, and climate change. This is making it more difficult for the watermen to make a living.
- **Isolation:** Tangier Island is a remote island, and it is becoming increasingly isolated as the sea level rises. This makes it difficult for the watermen to get their products to market and it also makes it difficult for them to access essential services.

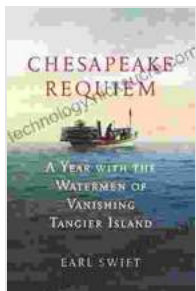
## **The Future**

The future of Tangier Island is uncertain. The island is slowly disappearing, and the watermen's way of life is under threat. But the watermen are resilient people, and they are determined to find a way to survive.

There are a number of things that can be done to help the watermen of Tangier Island, including:

- **Reducing greenhouse gas emissions:** Reducing greenhouse gas emissions will help to slow the rate of sea level rise. This will give the watermen more time to adapt to the changing conditions.
- **Improving fisheries management:** Improving fisheries management will help to restore the Chesapeake Bay's fisheries. This will make it easier for the watermen to make a living.
- **Providing financial assistance:** Providing financial assistance to the watermen will help them to adapt to the changing conditions. This assistance can be used to purchase new equipment, to improve their homes, or to relocate to a new island.

The watermen of Tangier Island are a valuable part of our community. They are a reminder of our maritime heritage, and they provide us with fresh seafood. We must do everything we can to help them survive.

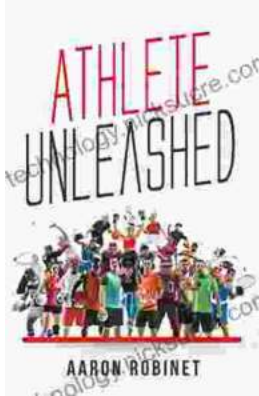


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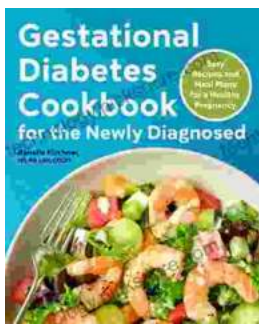
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