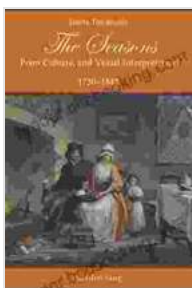


James Thomson's The Seasons: Print Culture and Visual Interpretation, 1730-1842

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James Thomson's *The Seasons*, first published in 1730, was one of the most popular and influential poems of the eighteenth century. Its depiction of the changing seasons, its celebration of rural life, and its exploration of the relationship between humanity and nature resonated with readers across a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds.

This book explores the relationship between print culture and visual interpretation in the reception of *The Seasons*. Through a series of case studies, the book examines how the poem's illustrations, adaptations, and imitations shaped its meaning and reception. The book argues that *The Seasons* was not a fixed text but rather a dynamic and evolving work that was constantly being reinterpreted and reshaped by its readers.



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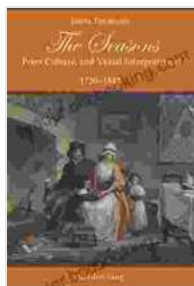
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