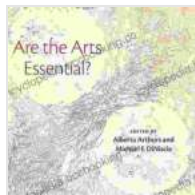


# Are the Arts Essential? A Conversation with Alberta Artists

The arts have always been an important part of human culture. They provide us with a way to express ourselves, to connect with others, and to learn about the world around us. But in recent years, the arts have come under increasing attack. Some people argue that they are a waste of time and money, and that they should be cut from school budgets and other public funding.



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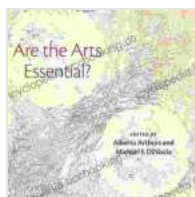
This is a dangerous and shortsighted view. The arts are not a luxury. They are essential to our society. They help us to develop our creativity, our critical thinking skills, and our empathy. They make us more well-rounded individuals, and they help us to build stronger communities.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with a group of Alberta artists about the importance of the arts. These artists are all passionate about their work, and they believe that the arts have a vital role to play in our society.

One of the artists I spoke with was a painter named Sarah Jane Johnson. Sarah Jane grew up in a small town in Alberta, and she has always been drawn to the arts. She loves the way that art can help her to express herself and to connect with others.

Sarah Jane's work is often inspired by her experiences growing up in Alberta. She paints landscapes, portraits, and still lifes, and her work is characterized by its bold colors and strong sense of composition.

Sarah Jane believes that the arts are essential because they help us to understand ourselves and the world around us. She says, "Art can help us to see things in a new way, and it can challenge our assumptions. It can also help us to connect with our emotions and to express ourselves in a way that words cannot."

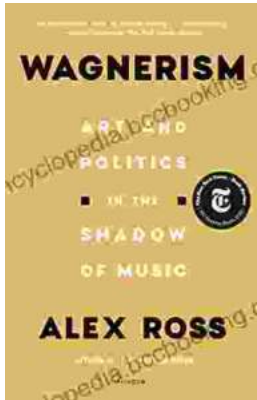


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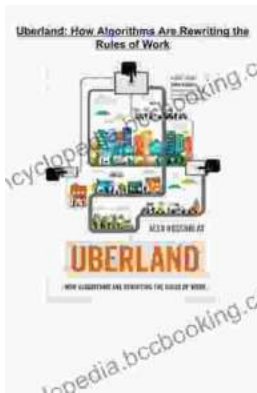
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