In Praise of the 10,000 Mile Diet

The 10,000 Mile Diet is a way of eating that emphasizes eating food that has been grown or raised within a 10,000-mile radius of your home. This way of eating has many benefits, including reducing your carbon footprint, supporting local farmers, and eating healthier, more seasonal foods.



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Reducing Your Carbon Footprint

When you eat food that has been shipped long distances, you are contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. This is because the transportation of food requires the use of fossil fuels, which release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. By eating locally, you can reduce your carbon footprint and help to fight climate change.

Supporting Local Farmers

When you eat local food, you are supporting local farmers. This is important because local farmers are more likely to use sustainable farming

practices and to pay their workers fair wages. By supporting local farmers, you can help to keep your local economy strong and to create a more sustainable food system.

Eating Healthier, More Seasonal Foods

Local food is often healthier than food that has been shipped long distances. This is because local food is typically fresher and has not been treated with preservatives or other chemicals. Local food is also more likely to be in season, which means that it is at its peak of flavor and nutrition.

Getting Started with the 10,000 Mile Diet

Getting started with the 10,000 Mile Diet is easy. Here are a few tips:

- Start by getting to know your local farmers. Visit farmers markets, CSAs, and farm stands. Talk to farmers about their practices and what they grow.
- Make a list of the foods that you eat most often. Then, see how many of those foods you can find locally.
- Cook more meals at home. This will give you more control over the ingredients you are using and the distance that your food has traveled.
- Be flexible. There will be times when it is not possible to find all of your food locally. Don't be afraid to make exceptions, but try to make local food a priority.

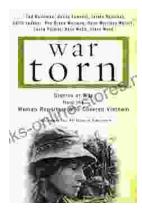
The 10,000 Mile Diet is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint, support local farmers, and eat healthier, more seasonal foods. By eating locally, you can make a positive impact on your community and the environment.

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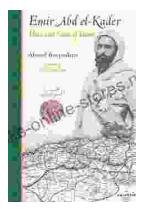
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