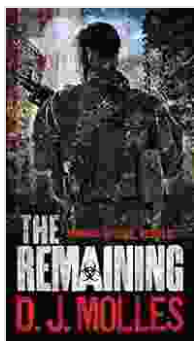


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The Molles (*Lycium fremontii*) is a small tree native to the Sonoran Desert region of Mexico. It produces a small, round fruit that is known for its sweet and tart flavor. The fruit of the Molles has been an essential part of the traditional cuisine of the Seri people, an indigenous group who have inhabited the Sonoran Desert for centuries.

Today, the Molles is an endangered species, and its fruit is becoming increasingly rare. However, there are still a few remaining Molles trees, and the Seri people are working to preserve this important part of their culture.

History of the Molles

The Molles tree has been used by the Seri people for centuries. The fruit of the Molles is a good source of vitamins and minerals, and it can be eaten fresh, dried, or made into a variety of dishes. The Seri people also use the leaves and bark of the Molles tree for medicinal purposes.

In the past, the Molles tree was found throughout the Sonoran Desert. However, due to habitat loss and overgrazing, the Molles is now only found in a few isolated areas. The remaining Molles trees are located in the Sierra del Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve in Mexico.

Cultural Significance of the Molles

The Molles tree is of great cultural significance to the Seri people. The fruit of the Molles is a symbol of the Seri people's connection to the land and their ancestors. The Seri people also believe that the Molles tree has spiritual powers.

The Molles tree is featured in many Seri legends and stories. In one legend, the Molles tree is said to have been created by the Seri god, Itoi. Itoi gave the Molles tree to the Seri people as a gift, and he told them that the fruit of the Molles would always provide them with food and medicine.

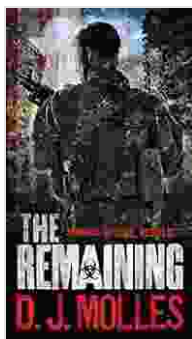
Conservation Efforts

The Molles tree is an endangered species, and its fruit is becoming increasingly rare. However, there are still a few remaining Molles trees, and the Seri people are working to preserve this important part of their culture.

In 2004, the Seri people established the Molles Conservation Project. The goal of the project is to protect the remaining Molles trees and to reintroduce the Molles tree to other parts of the Sonoran Desert.

The Molles Conservation Project has been successful in planting new Molles trees and in increasing the population of the Molles tree in the wild. The Seri people are also working to educate others about the importance of the Molles tree and its fruit.

The Molles tree is a unique and endangered species that is of great cultural significance to the Seri people. The Seri people are working to preserve the remaining Molles trees and to reintroduce the Molles tree to other parts of the Sonoran Desert. Through their efforts, the Seri people are ensuring that the Molles tree and its fruit will continue to be an important part of their culture for generations to come.



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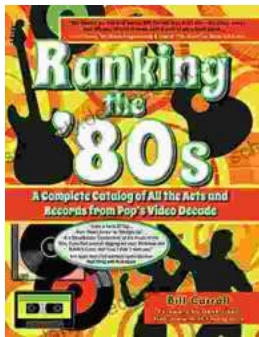
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