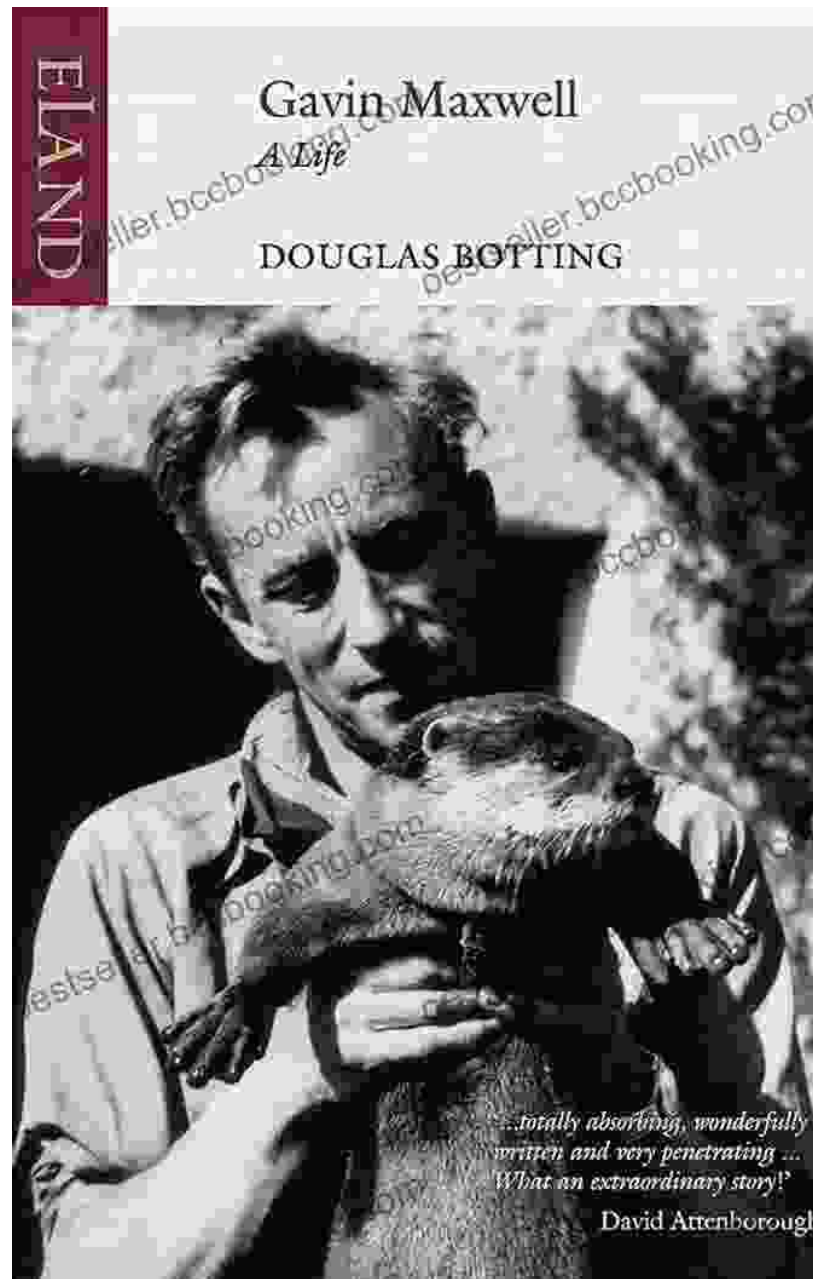


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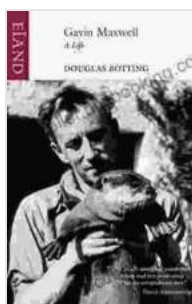


Gavin Maxwell was a man of many talents and passions. He was a naturalist, author, adventurer, and artist. He is best known for his work with

otters, and his book *The Ring of Bright Water*. But there was much more to Maxwell than just his love of otters. He was a complex and fascinating man, and his life was full of adventure, controversy, and tragedy.

Early Life

Gavin Maxwell was born in Eltham, Kent, England, on October 15, 1914. His father was a doctor, and his mother was a writer. Maxwell had a happy childhood, and he loved spending time outdoors exploring the natural world. He was particularly fascinated by animals, and he kept a pet otter named Mijbil.



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Education and Career

Maxwell studied zoology at Oxford University. After graduating, he worked as a journalist and filmmaker. He also traveled extensively, and he spent time in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. His experiences in these regions inspired his writing, and he published several books about his travels.

The Ring of Bright Water

In 1960, Maxwell published *The Ring of Bright Water*. The book was a memoir about his experiences raising two otter cubs, Mijbil and Edal. The book was a huge success, and it made Maxwell famous. He went on to write several other books about otters, and he became a leading expert on the animals.

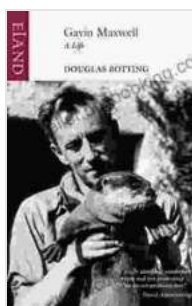
Controversy

Maxwell's work with otters was not without controversy. He was accused of exploiting the animals for his own gain. He was also criticized for his treatment of his staff. In 1970, Maxwell was found dead in his home in Scotland. His death was ruled a suicide.

Legacy

Gavin Maxwell was a complex and fascinating man. He was a brilliant writer, a talented artist, and a passionate naturalist. He had a great love for animals, and he dedicated his life to studying and protecting them. Maxwell's work has inspired many people, and his legacy continues to live on.

Gavin Maxwell: A Life is a fascinating biography of a remarkable man. Douglas Botting's book delves into the extraordinary world of Maxwell, and it explores the many facets of his life. It is a must-read for anyone interested in natural history, biography, or adventure.

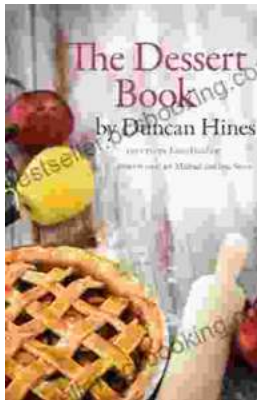


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