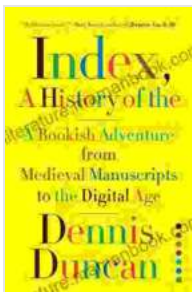


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Genealogy is the study of family history, and it can be a fascinating way to learn about your ancestors and where you come from. One of the most important tools for genealogists is the index, which is a list of names and other information that can help you find records about your family members. Indexes can be found in a variety of places, including libraries, archives, and online databases.



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## The History of Indexes

The first indexes were created in the early 16th century, and they were typically handwritten lists of names. These early indexes were often incomplete and inaccurate, but they were still a valuable resource for genealogists. Over time, indexes became more standardized and comprehensive, and they began to be used more widely by genealogists.

In the 19th century, the development of photography made it possible to create photographic indexes. These indexes were much more accurate and complete than handwritten indexes, and they made it much easier for genealogists to find the records they needed.

In the 20th century, the development of computers made it possible to create digital indexes. These indexes are even more accurate and complete than photographic indexes, and they can be searched much more quickly and easily. Today, digital indexes are the most widely used type of index by genealogists.

## **Types of Indexes**

There are many different types of indexes, but the most common are:

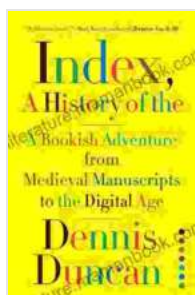
- **Name indexes:** These indexes list the names of individuals who are mentioned in a particular record or set of records.
- **Place indexes:** These indexes list the names of places that are mentioned in a particular record or set of records.
- **Subject indexes:** These indexes list the topics that are covered in a particular record or set of records.
- **Date indexes:** These indexes list the dates that are mentioned in a particular record or set of records.

## **Using Indexes**

Indexes can be a valuable resource for genealogists, but it is important to know how to use them effectively. Here are a few tips for using indexes:

- **Start with the most specific index:** If you know the name of the person you are looking for, start with the name index. If you know the place where your ancestor lived, start with the place index.
- **Use multiple indexes:** Don't rely on just one index. Use as many different indexes as possible to increase your chances of finding the records you need.
- **Be patient:** Finding genealogy records can take time. Don't get discouraged if you don't find the records you need right away. Keep searching and you will eventually find what you are looking for.

Indexes are an essential tool for genealogists. By using indexes effectively, you can learn more about your ancestors and where you come from.

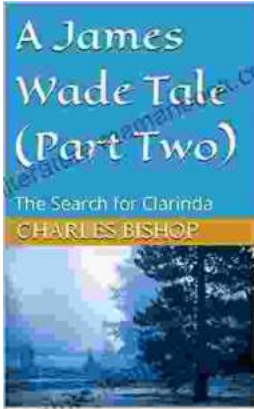


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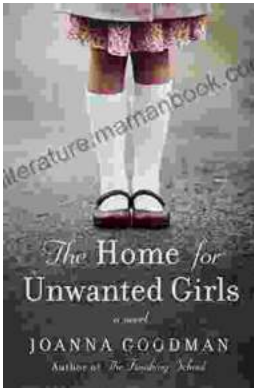
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