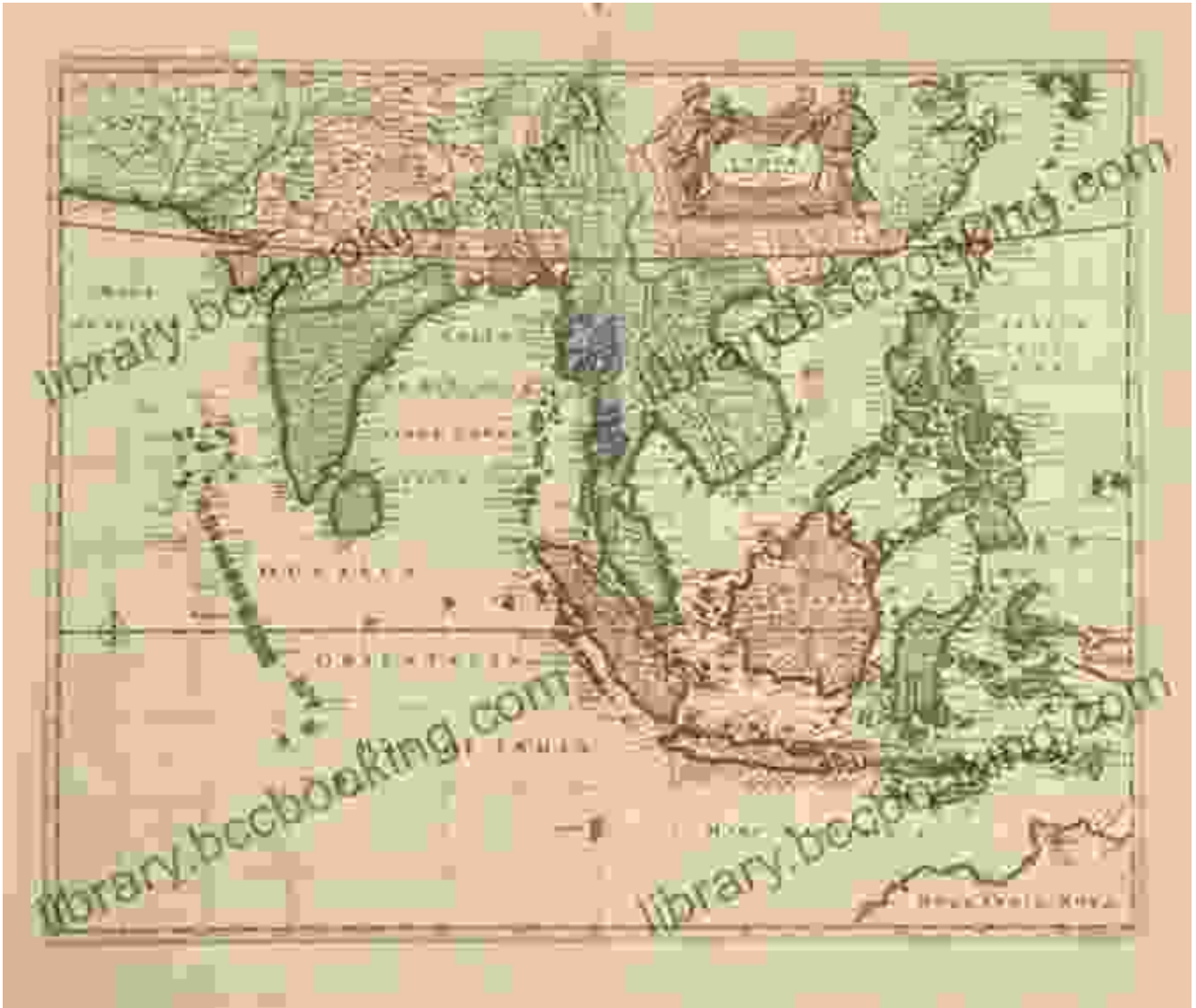


Ancient Southeast Asia: Uncovering the Archaeological Treasures of a Forgotten Realm



Nestled between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific, the enigmatic region of Southeast Asia holds a wealth of archaeological treasures that speak to a rich and complex past. From the towering temples of Angkor to the hidden jungle cities of Myanmar, the region is a tapestry of lost civilizations, forgotten cultures, and stunning artifacts. In "Ancient Southeast Asia:

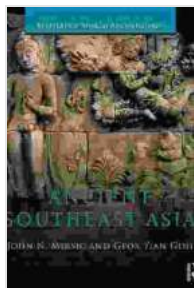
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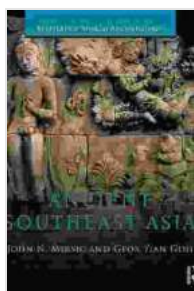
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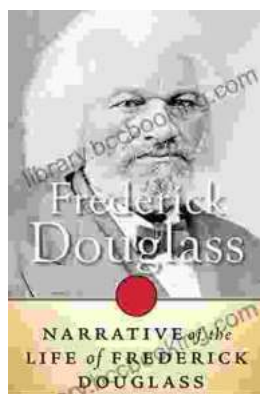


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