

The Abstract Wild By Jack Turner **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** I am on the side of the grizzly sow and her two cubs in the south fork of Snowshoe Canyon; the mountain lion who tracked my favorite Escalante hollow; the raven cooing at me while I shave on my porch; the ticks that cling to me each spring when I climb Blacktail Butte; the Glover's silk moth fighting the window pane; the pack rat that lives in my sleeping cave on the saddle between the Grand and Middle Tetons and scurries across my sleeping bag at night; the wind roaring in the mountains; the persistent virus that knocked me down this winter; the crystalline light that greets me when I step outdoors; the starry sky. **The Abstract Wild kindle books** In his book The Abstract Wild Turner describes why he has become a "belligerent ecological fundamentalist" and why he stands on the side of the grizzly bears and mountain lions. **Book The Abstract wild jack** " Instead of trying to control nature by using a strategy based on hope wishes incomplete data and misunderstanding Turner recommends that we should get out of the way and leave the job to Big Mama Nature who has a billion years of experience. **Book The Abstract wild jack** With brilliant anger he makes war on abstractions our ways of thinking we know that separate us from the Wild and either stem from or lead to a desire to control the world all of it. **Kindle The Abstract wildwood** Turner challenges what we really know what worth it really has and for us to leave even books like his behind in order to experience the Wild and in some sense then to really live and really love. **EPub The Abstract wildlife** In Economic Nature he rejects economics as a way of seeing and valuing the world discussing how the way we describe the world becomes our world how our metaphors easily change from constructs to be mistaken for the thing itself. **The Abstract Wild kindle store** In Song of the White Pelican he marvels at the soaring and sound of these elusive birds calling on people to let the Wild choose its relationship to us recording our bloody history with this species and asking why they soar while questioning if identification and anthropomorphizing them gets us closer or further away from them. **The Abstract Wild kindle store** He eulogizes Doug Peacock in The Importance of Peacock for personifying one way we can restore or redeem wild relationships where wild names a kind of relationship one not characterized by control (101). **Kindle The Abstract wildwood** And finally in Wildness and the Defense of Nature Turner argues for a new ethic one not based on economics but on a recognition of the limits of our sciences and knowledge and our ceding back to Nature and the Wild its right to self-organize. **The Abstract Wild kindle books** With all of his essays he reaches beyond Muir and the preservation model striving for a deeper ecology not of benevolent neglect or a transmutation of economic laissez-faire or free market sensibilities to the chaos of the Wild but an active humility that surrenders exclusive and even partial use of land and all the tools of science and measurement to try to understand it to letting being be. **The Abstract Wild ebook** He urges people to put down books and paradigms their ways of knowing and what they think they know to explore and experience the Wild on its own terms as one species among many not as the Lord of all of them. **Book The Abstract wild jack** Nevertheless his anger removes some of the weight of my paralysis and reminds me of how urgent the loss is and of all that is most precious beyond our ability to measure it. **The Abstract Wild ebook** An eye opening book reviving the Thoreauvian roots of environmentalism and calling into question the reductionism of modern conservation biology the writing is also captivating to those not familiar with science or philosophy. **Book The Abstract wild jack** Natural resource managers conservation biologists environmental economists park rangers zoo directors and environmental activists: Turner's new book takes aim at these and all others who labor in the name of preservation. **Book The Abstract wild jack** Eloquent and fast-paced The Abstract Wild takes a long view to ask whether ecosystem management isn't a bit of a sham and the control of grizzlies and wolves at best a travesty. **Abstract of a book** Maybe the cosmos is wild? But the wild I grew up knowing on Vancouver Island in the 1950's is gone and having hiked some of the USA's west and southwest it's gone there too. **Book The Abstract wild jack** The first essays are what I call nature nostalgia wherein the author writes about this idyllic time in the past usually the author's childhood/early adulthood when nature was unspoiled and a veritable Eden. **Kindle The Abstract wildwood** But later in the book he expands on the idea a bit discussing how we currently view nature as a resource to be managed and how we have turned wildness into wilderness and manage it

as business just as amusement parks and zoos are managed as businesses:

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And spent many years travelling around the world climbing mountains. **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** This included at least 16 years as a guide at Grand Teton National Park. **Book The Abstract wildwood** Deep ecology helped him understand the crucial difference between ecocentric thinking (the entire ecosystem is sacred) and anthropocentric thinking (only human desires matter), **Book The Abstract wild jack** This echoes the huge gap between the wild Maze painters and the civilized ecotourists, **Kindle The Abstract wildwood** It's essentially the difference between sustainable and unsustainable cultures: **The Abstract Wild epubor** He visited cultures that were similar to the Maze painters.

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I know which side I'm on: **Book The Abstract wild jack** I see no need to apologize for my preferences any more than those who prefer modern urban culture apologize for their preferences, **Book The Abstract wild jack** As Thoreau said.

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This is one of Deep Ecology's manifestos and I enjoyed Jack Turner's description of how any managed geography is no longer wild: **The Abstract Wild ebook** These enlightening essays are tightly written and so thoughtful that I continue to savor, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Fortunately I had to purchase this book rather than get a library loan so I'll have opportunities to reread, **The Abstract Wild epubor** Part is more difficult in 2022 than when the book was written 30 years previous — this difficulty is a mistrust of science. **EBook The Abstract wildfire** Understandably Turner doesn't want wild nature to be confined shackled poked or intruded upon. **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** These days this rings of keeping local control and ignoring all but anecdotes: **The Abstract Wild bookworm** I'll reread this short book to remind myself that wild changes for me and it changes me; that is responsibilities to nature and my own experience. **Book The Abstract wild jack** Jack Turner In 1964 plans were being discussed for the creation of the Canyonlands National Park near Moab Utah. **EPub The Abstract wildwood** The Maze is a stunning network of desert canyons and it was extremely inaccessible at that time. **Kindle The Abstract wildlife** Jack Turner and his buddy were young rock-climbing adventure hogs. **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** Their plan was to fly into the Maze land the plane on a long-abandoned bulldozer scrape take some cool photos and sell them to National Geographic . **The Abstract Wild kindle store** While wandering around in the Maze they found ancient pictographs of life-sized human images. **Wild by nature book** The paintings had a striking presence and the lads were mesmerized: **Kindle The Abstract wildlife** They had walked into a different dimension a place alive with a strong aura of spirit power. **EPub The Abstract wildwood** The pictographs have become photo opportunities for intrepid ecotourists. **Wild by nature book** The sacred wildness of the place has become banal like a museum exhibit. **EBook The Abstract wildfire** For the wild painters who lived several thousand years ago this place "was their home in a sense we can no longer imagine" said Turner, **Book The Abstract wild jack** "Whoever they were they knew how to express and present something we have lost, **Book The Abstract wild jack** "Later Turner worked as a philosophy professor in Chicago a soul-killing bad trip, **The Abstract Wild bookworm** One day he read a deep ecology essay by Arne Naess and had a great awakening: **The Abstract Wild ebook** He escaped from the nightmare cultures with a

profound spiritual connection to the past the future their community and their sacred home. **EPub The Abstract wildwood** All of their needs were provided by the place they inhabited, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Consequently they lived with great care striving to remain in balance with the land: **EPub The Abstract wildlife** Typically the designated villains include capitalism greedy corporations corrupt politicians the evil enemy-of-the-day and so on. **The Abstract Wild kindle books** The planet is being pummeled by a culture that is infested with absurd abstract ideas — more is better get rich quick grow or die. **Wild by nature book** This culture has reduced the natural world to an abstraction a machine that must be controlled — a jumbo cookie jar for the amusement of infantile organisms, **EPub The Abstract wildwood** His enemies are abstractions like the hallucinations that perceive a sacred old growth forest to be a calculable quantity of board feet worth a calculable quantity of dollars, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Abstractions are the foundation of the madness and they are formidable opponents: **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** They can make clear thinking impossible and inspire remarkable achievements in foolishness: **The Abstract Wild booking** “Abstraction” is a word meaning mental separation not a concrete object: **Book The Abstract wildlife** Wildness is “the relation of free self-willed and self-determinate ‘things’ with the harmonious order of the cosmos, **Book The Abstract wild jack** One examines wilderness management a hotbed of professional control freaks: **EPub The Abstract wildlife** This work is done under the banner of Science a way of knowing that can understand processes and predict their activities. **The Abstract Wild bookworm** Wildlife biologists have a history of making wildly incorrect predictions often leading to embarrassing disasters. **The Abstract Wild kindle books** Their clumsy conjuring is no more “science” than is astrology: **Kindle The Abstract wildlife** Humans should always avoid fooling around with DNA atoms or wilderness management: **Book The Abstract wildwood** (The experts howl!) Another essay snaps snarls and spits with rage, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Civilization has been brutally molesting the planet for 10000 years at an ever-increasing rate, **EPub The Abstract wildlife** Over the centuries we have responded to these assaults on wildness by forgiving and forgetting, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Despite being blasted by a fire hose of depressing news we remain pathetically timid helpless victims: **Book The Abstract wildwood** We accept a wrecked planet as normal and refuse to utter a peep of protest: **The Abstract Wild epubor** Enough forgiving and forgetting! It’s time for some healthy rage. **The Abstract Wild bookworm** This is spiritual business so it takes precedence over society’s laws: **EPub The Abstract wildwood** Destroying the planet is evil and unacceptable even if it’s perfectly legal and great for the economy, **Book The Abstract wild jack** There are thousands of eco-books and most tend to focus their attention on symptoms — climate change deforestation mass extinction overpopulation and so on, **Book The Abstract wild jack** To control these symptoms they suggest a variety of treatments including new government policies techno miracles lifestyle changes and rebellion, **The Abstract Wild booker** Turner has lived much of his life out of doors and he feels a profound reverence and respect for wildness. **Wild by nature book** His book is rare for presenting this perspective which is getting dimmer with every decade. **EPub The Abstract wildwood** “We only value what we know and love and we no longer know and love the wild” he says. **The Abstract Wild kindle books** “What we need now is a culture that deeply loves the wild earth. **Kindle The Abstract wildwood** ” But the inmates of modernity have little intimate experience with wild nature and almost no comprehension of what has been lost, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Cool books nature documentaries and ecotourism cannot provide us with all we need to recover our wildness, **Book The Abstract wildfire** What’s needed is direct experience with a place over time complete immersion — observing the bird migrations animal mating leafing of trees climate patterns and so on. **EPub The Abstract wildlife** In the end Turner presents us with a tantalizing bittersweet enigma. **EBook The Abstract wildfire** He reveals to us the one and only silver bullet solution that can actually heal us and guide us back home to the family of life, **Book The Abstract wild jack** But this solution is impossible as long as there are so many people living so hard. **Wild by nature book** The shamans have much work to do to redirect our hearts toward healthy paths: **EPub The Abstract wildlife** It’s time for the clans of creative folks to seize their power work to exorcise our

culture's terrible demons and rekindle forgotten love, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Jack Turner Ranty and angry throughout but I loved it anyway. **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** Jack Turner Jack Turner ties eight passionate Nature-loving essays together in this book with Thoreau's theme in Wildness is the preservation of the world. **Wild by nature book** Nature shows a genius for organizing for transformation through catastrophe he says: **Book The Abstract wildcat** We think through knowledge we can have power over life itself and find security wealth wisdom, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Books about the Wild are one way for humans to visit it without disturbing it. **The Abstract Wild kindle books** Unfortunately this means of travel does not require that the Wild still exist. **The Abstract Wild epubor** Books and reports even and perhaps especially conservation reports can remain even when the species and the habitats they describe have vanished: **Kindle The Abstract wildlife** Turner portrays a vanishing world and rages against the dying of this light: **Book The Abstract wildlife** The plight of some loggers and ranchers or the family with fifteen kids means little to me even though I am committed to compassion, **The Abstract Wild epubor** But as the Marine who helped raise me used to say 'Anyone who sees both sides of an issue doesn't see one damn thing. **EBook The Abstract wildfire** ' When push comes to shove there are enough champions of civilization, **Book The Abstract wilderness** What we need now is a culture that deeply loves the wild earth (xvii): **Book The Abstract wildcat** In the Maze and Aura he describes finding petroglyphs and what is lost when they become known visited and studied. **Wild by nature book** In the Abstract Wild: A Rant he mourns wildlife management and the near complete loss of the Wild a loss masked for most by managed areas zoos aquariums botanical gardens, **Book The Abstract wild jack** These he calls enforced marginalization and compares to prisons madhouses ghettos concentration camps (34). **The Abstract Wild kindle books** Knowledge gained from these experiences creates an illusion of intimacy that masks our true ignorance and leads to apathy in the face of our true loss, **Book The Abstract wild kratts** We are inundated by nature but we do not care about nature, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Something vast and old is vanishing and our rage should mirror that loss (36): **EPub The Abstract wildlife** In Mountain Lions he describes his experiences with mountain lions and considers what coexistence between people and lions could look like, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Peacock demonstrates that we have to give something back take a non-killing stance to start to restore the web of interconnectedness. **The Abstract Wild kindle store** He quotes Lao Tsu Do you want to improve the world? / I don't think it can be done, **Book The Abstract wild jack** This does not mean neglect or mindlessness but giving back land and then removing the roads erasing the maps extricating all human interference. **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** The chief critical challenge to this view is that it continues to view people as if they are not part of the Wild or Nature: **Book The Abstract wildcat** When he asks in one of the essays what is my habitat? where do I belong? I sense that he has not worked this out yet, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Yet his vision of saving the Wild does seem to be one of preservation which would exclude people from trekking through the Wild in any significant numbers or even at all, **Book The Abstract wild jack** His solution may work for rare and isolated individuals but would unravel en masse: **EPub The Abstract wildlife** Plus it assumes a Western stance of not only the sense of the individual but also of alienation from Nature: **EPub The Abstract wildwood** I find his passion convincing in many ways yet finish the book no closer to having worked out my own ecological ethic, **Book The Abstract wild jack** I welcome his perspectives and insights and hope that we will strive to find our habitat and place of belonging and that it won't be as the anti-keystone species. **Kindle The Abstract wildwood** Jack Turner with deep thought a background in philosophy and a life spent in the outdoors delivers his ideas with force, **Book The Abstract wild jack** For those who dedicate much of their lives to environmentalism The Abstract Wild is a must read: **Book The Abstract wild jack** Turner delves deeply into the problems with wildlife management economic conservation and other mainstream issues. **The Abstract Wild epub.pub** The logic and passion of his ideas will make even the most ardent of mainstream conservationists question whether there's something not quite right about their practices. **The Abstract Wild booker** Jack Turner If anything is endangered in America it is our experience of wild nature—gross contact, **Book The Abstract wild jack** There is

knowledge only the wild can give us knowledge specific to it knowledge specific to the experience of it, **Book The Abstract wild jack** How wild is wilderness and how wild are our experiences in it asks Jack Turner in the pages of *The Abstract Wild*: **Abstract of a book** National parks and even so-called wilderness areas fall far short of offering the primal mystic connection possible in wild places, **The Abstract Wild kindle books** And this is so Turner avows because any managed land never mind what it's called ceases to be wild: **Book The Abstract wildcat** Moreover what little wildness we have left is fast being destroyed by the very systems designed to preserve it: **Abstract of a book** He argues for a new conservation ethic that focuses less on preserving things and more on preserving process and leaving things be, **The Abstract Wild kindle store** He takes off after zoos and wilderness tourism with a vengeance and he cautions us to resist language that calls a tree a resource and wilderness a management unit: **Kindle The Abstract wildlife** Next the author might bring his readers up-close for a look at pelicans mountain lions or Shamu the whale, **The Abstract Wild booker** From whatever angle Turner stirs into his arguments the words of dozens of other American writers including Thoreau Hemingway Faulkner and environmentalist Doug Peacock: **The Abstract Wild epubor** We hunger for a kind of experience deep enough to change our selves our form of life writes Turner, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Readers who take his words to heart will find if not their selves their perspectives on the natural world recast in ways that are hard to ignore and harder to forget: **The Abstract Wild epubor** The Abstract Wild Reading this I felt deeply resonant with his thoughts on wildness and how it is pretty much a thing of the past : **Book The Abstract wild jack** Love for the wild is life for us and it is about to be gone, **Book The Abstract wild jack** In one essay Turner repeatedly refers to National Parks as amusement parks and writes Yosemite Valley is now more like Coney Island than a wilderness, **The Abstract Wild kindle store** He has some interesting ideas which I will think about for a long time but I doubt I'll ever read this book again and instead will raid its bibliography for new titles. **Kindle The Abstract wildlife** Jack Turner Turner's writing inspires me to be more gutsy in what I say and mean, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Jack Turner What is your experience and definition of wildness? Turner makes an impassioned case that it's not identical with wilderness: **Abstract of a book** I have a clearer picture of the choices and impacts humans have made, **Book The Abstract wild jack** Jack Turner Some challenging ideas here from academic turned outdoor guide Jack Turner. Wandering around the world taught him another vital lesson. Some wanted to include the Maze in the park. Few living people had ever seen it. Both survived the botched landing. Today the aura has faded. The Maze is mapped and tamed. Visitors can drive in and hike around on happy trails. He suddenly realized that he was on the wrong path. Today the ecosystem is being hammered. Turner rejected this. So Turner's enemies are not the designated villains. "There are eight essays in the book. What a joke! We don't understand friends or lovers. We don't understand ourselves. Ecosystems are vastly more complex and chaotic. "We are not that wise nor can we be. We're now moving into the end game. Turner screams. It's time to raise hell against the senseless destruction. Nature is sacred and must be defended. This perspective can help us move toward healing. Wildness is something seen on TV. We must rejoin the natural world. This is still possible. Turner succeeded. A week in the mountains is never enough. The book's first chapter the Maze story is online. Click on "Read Excerpt" beneath the book cover [HERE](#). To view a 100-minute video of Turner click [HERE](#). We need more angry environmentalists says I. Perhaps this is why we seek power over it. His outrage refreshes in its unapologetic stance. That is my failure. He calls on writers poets thinkers to dream a new dream. / The world is sacred. / It can't be improved. / If you tamper with it you'll ruin it. / If you treat it like an object you'll lose it. (121). Jack Turner *The Abstract Wild* is a fantastic read. The writing is superb and the convictions hard to ignore. These are its gifts to us. His answer: not very wild. . I don't see a future without wild. Good to share Jack Turner's words/spirit in these times. Jack Turner This is a complicated book. It then goes on to decry the current state of nature. Which is nonsense. I'd give 5 stars for the titled essay alone. Jack Turner

