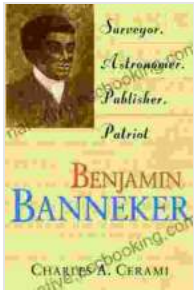


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## Early Life

Benjamin Banneker was born on November 9, 1731, in Baltimore County, Maryland. His parents were former slaves who had Free Downloaded their freedom. Banneker was a bright child, and he showed an early interest in mathematics and astronomy. He taught himself to read and write, and he spent many hours studying the stars.



## **Surveying Career**

In 1753, Banneker began his career as a surveyor. He was a skilled surveyor, and he quickly gained a reputation for his accuracy and precision. In 1791, he was appointed by George Washington to help survey the boundaries of the new federal district of Columbia. Banneker's work on the survey was essential to the planning and development of Washington, D.C.

## **Astronomy**

In addition to his work as a surveyor, Banneker was also an accomplished astronomer. He was self-taught, and he made his own telescopes.

Banneker was particularly interested in the planets, and he made detailed observations of their movements. In 1792, he published an almanac that contained predictions for the positions of the planets and stars. Banneker's almanac was well-respected, and it was used by farmers, sailors, and astronomers alike.



## **Publishing**

In addition to his work as a surveyor and astronomer, Banneker was also a publisher. In 1793, he published a book titled "The Almanack for the Year of Our Lord 1793." The almanac contained a variety of information, including astronomical tables, weather forecasts, and historical facts. Banneker's almanac was a popular success, and it was reprinted for many years.

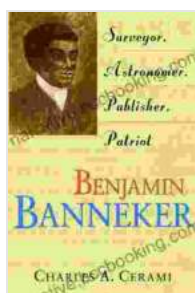
## Patriotism

Banneker was a strong supporter of American independence. He was a close friend of Thomas Jefferson, and he corresponded with Jefferson on numerous occasions. Banaker wrote to Jefferson in support of the Declaration of Independence, and he urged Jefferson to include a clause abolishing slavery. Banneker was also a supporter of public education and religious freedom.

Benjamin Banneker was a remarkable man who made significant contributions to American science and society. He was a surveyor, astronomer, publisher, and patriot. Banneker's story is an inspiration to all who strive to make a difference in the world.

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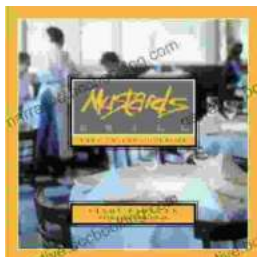
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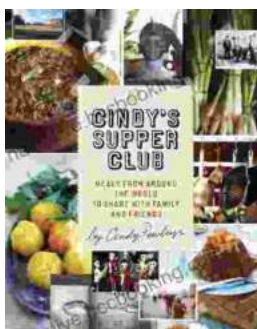
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