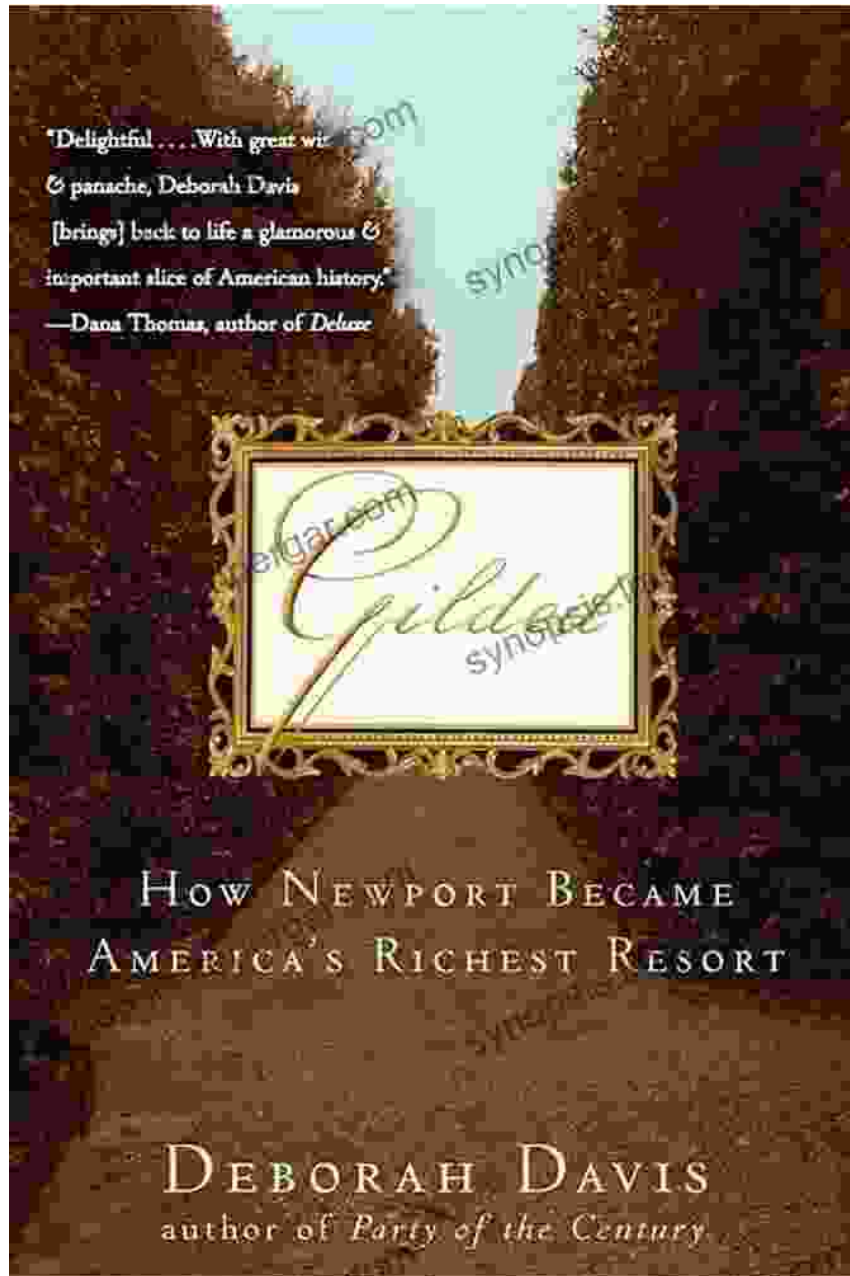


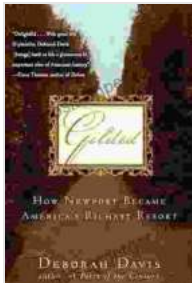
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The Gilded Age of Newport

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Newport, Rhode Island, was transformed from a sleepy seaside town into the summer playground of

America's wealthiest families. The city's Gilded Age mansions, lavish parties, and exclusive social clubs became legendary, and Newport became synonymous with luxury and extravagance.



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In his new book, "Gilded: How Newport Became America's Richest Resort," author Thomas C. Bailey tells the story of Newport's transformation from a modest coastal town to a world-renowned resort destination. Bailey draws on a wealth of primary sources, including letters, diaries, and newspapers, to provide a vivid account of the people, places, and events that shaped Newport's Gilded Age.

Bailey begins his book by describing Newport's early history as a Puritan settlement and a center of maritime trade. In the mid-19th century, Newport began to attract wealthy summer visitors from New York City and other major cities. These visitors were drawn to Newport's beautiful scenery, its mild climate, and its proximity to New York City.

As the number of wealthy visitors increased, Newport's economy began to boom. New hotels, restaurants, and shops were built to cater to the needs of the wealthy tourists. Wealthy families also began to build lavish summer mansions in Newport, and the city soon became known for its opulent architecture.

Bailey devotes a significant portion of his book to the social life of Newport's Gilded Age. He describes the elaborate parties, balls, and other social events that were held by the city's wealthy elite. He also discusses the role of social clubs, such as the Newport Casino and the Clambake Club, in shaping Newport's social hierarchy.

Bailey also examines the darker side of Newport's Gilded Age. He describes the poverty and inequality that existed in the city alongside the wealth and extravagance. He also discusses the environmental damage that was caused by the construction of the city's mansions and other buildings.

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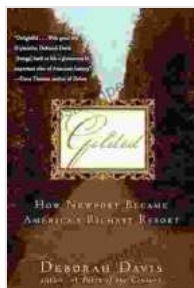
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