

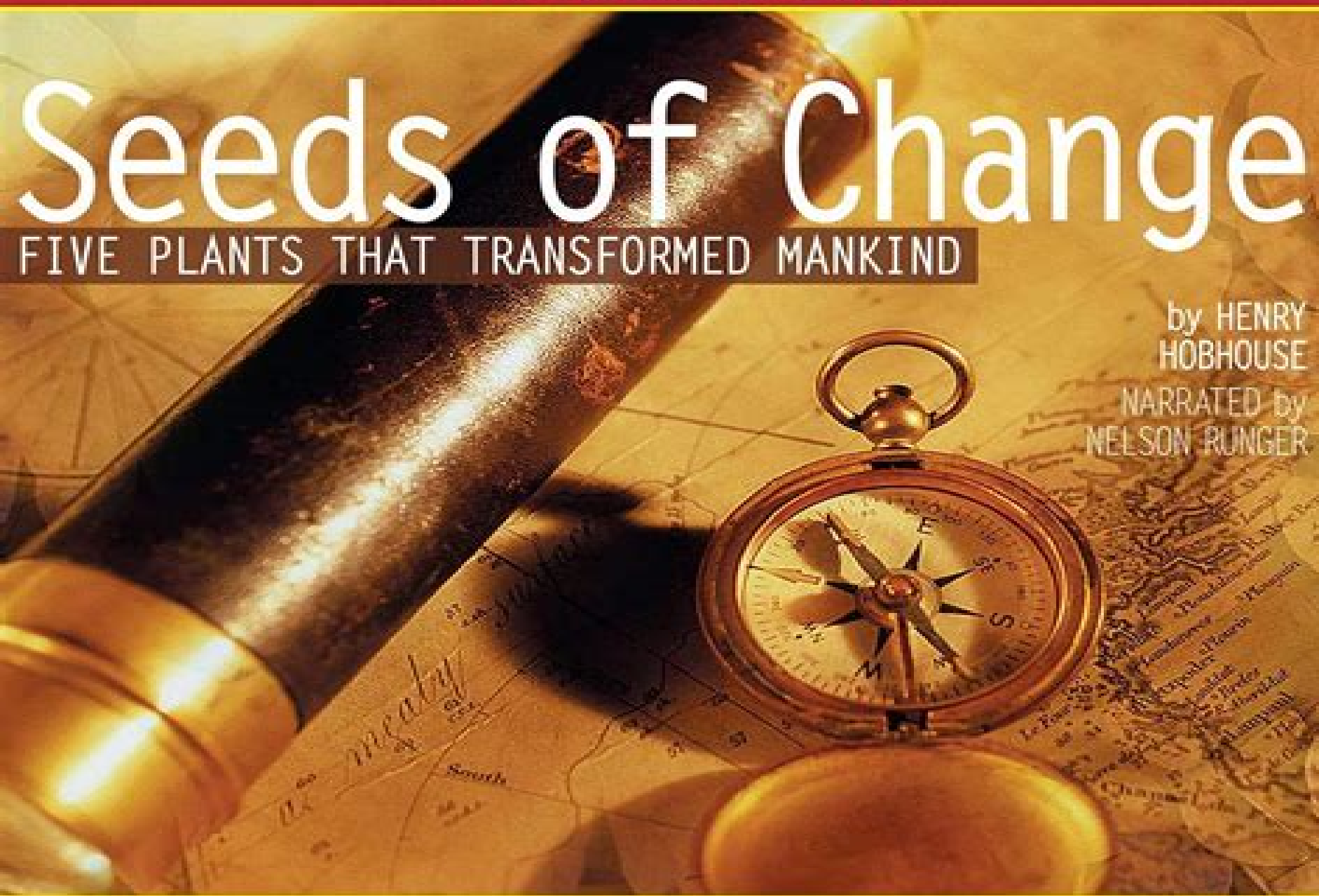
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*Seeds of Change* Henry Hobhouse,2005      *Seeds of change* Henry Hobhouse,1985      *Plants that Changed Our Lives* Martyn Baguley,2021-04-14 In his book *Seeds of Change* Henry Hobhouse relates stories about Five plants that transformed mankind namely quinine sugar tea cotton and the potato The book came to my mind in 2017 when I was asked to write a monthly series of articles about plants for several magazines The more I read and thought about the subject the more intrigued I became about the influence that plants have been on mankind s history I thought that Hobhouse s book would be a good source of information about five plants but it presented a challenge Magazine editors mostly want feature articles to be limited to 800 to 1000 words Hobhouse wrote some 22000 words about each plant Incorporating his fascinating facts into maximum 1000 word articles would be a major pr cising challenge Furthermore I never rely on one source of information for my articles so the more my researches discovered about the plants the greater the challenge would be And that wasn t the entire problem The prospect was for the series of articles to run for more than five months in fact it continued for two years What other plants have significantly influenced our history Where would all the information come from It was an interesting and rewarding challenge for someone who is fascinated by plants The more research I did the more I came to think that there is a story to tell about every plant That s an exaggeration but there are fascinating stories to tell about the way many plants have influenced the lives of our ancestors from the earliest hominids and continue to influence our lives today The book *Plants that changed our lives* is a compilation of articles about twenty one plants distilled from information gleaned from many sources and first published in magazines in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland between 2017 and 2019 I hope that my enthusiasm for the subject shines through my scribbles and they will enthuse at least some of my readers Maybe you will be one of them ,      *Toni Morrison and the Natural World* Anissa Janine Wardi,2021-06-28 Winner of the Toni Morrison Society Book Prize for Best Single Authored Book 2019 2022 Critics have routinely excluded African American literature from ecocritical inquiry despite the fact that the literary tradition has from its inception proved to be steeped in environmental concerns that address elements of the natural world and relate nature to the transatlantic slave trade plantation labor and nationhood Toni Morrison s work is no exception *Toni Morrison and the Natural World An Ecology of Color* is the first full length ecocritical investigation of the Nobel Laureate s novels and brings to the fore an unequalled engagement between race and nature Morrison s ecological consciousness holds that human geographies are enmeshed with nonhuman nature It follows then that ecology the branch of biology that studies how people relate to each other and their environment is an apt framework for this book The interrelationships and interactions between individuals and community and between organisms and the biosphere are central to this analysis They highlight that the human and nonhuman are part

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serve developing nations rather than provide another route for exploitation by First World industry

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