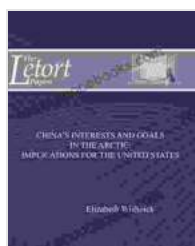
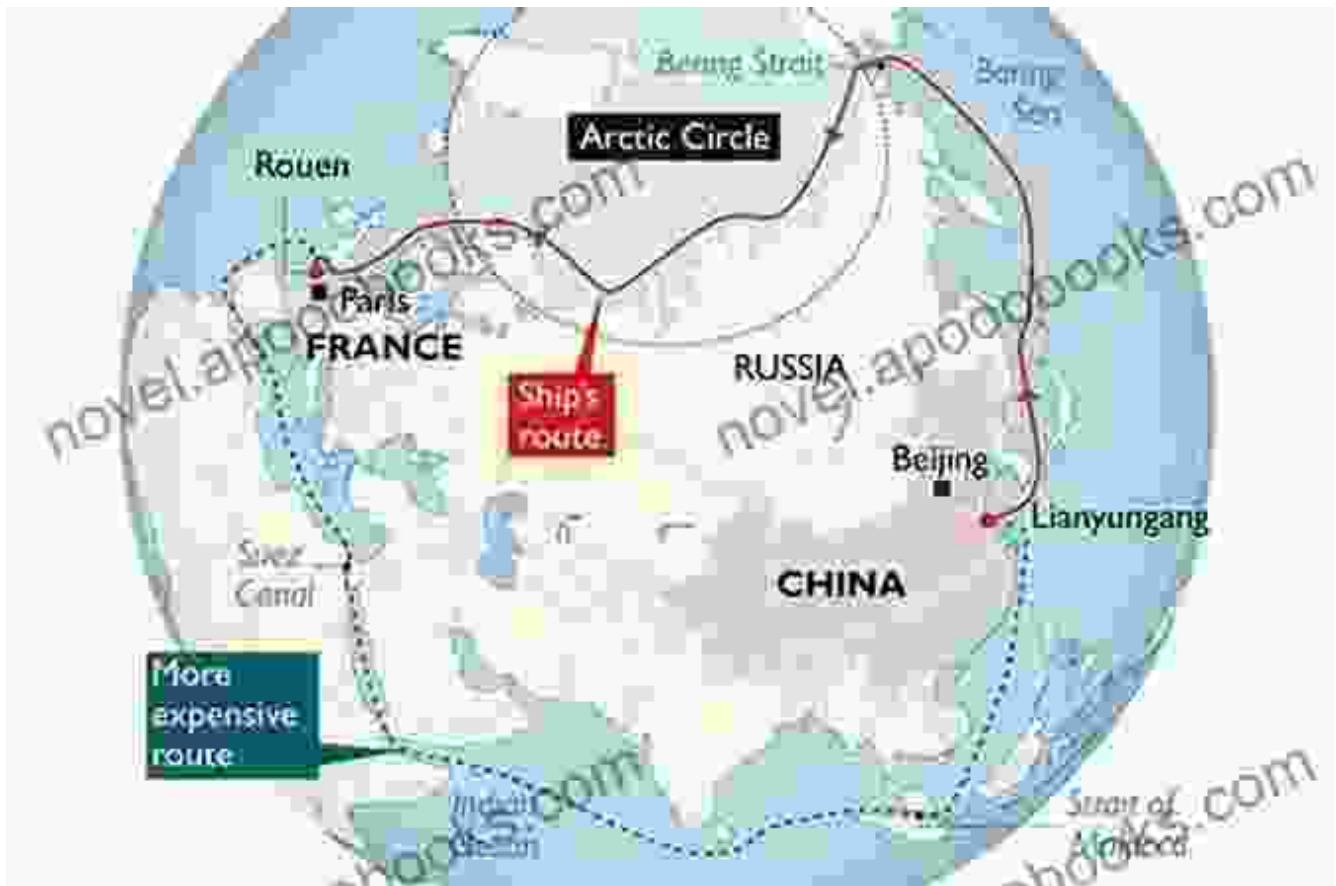


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The Arctic holds vast reserves of untapped energy and mineral resources, including oil, gas, and rare earth minerals. As China's economy continues to grow, its demand for these resources is expected to soar. The Arctic thus represents a potential source of energy security and economic prosperity for China. This chapter examines China's efforts to secure access to Arctic resources, including its investments in exploration and infrastructure projects.

Chapter 2: Climate Change and Scientific Research: Unlocking the Arctic's Secrets



Climate change is transforming the Arctic at an unprecedented pace, opening up new shipping routes and altering marine ecosystems. China has recognized the importance of understanding these changes and has invested heavily in scientific research in the Arctic. This chapter explores

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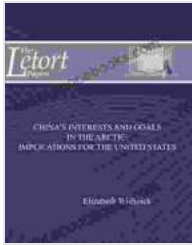
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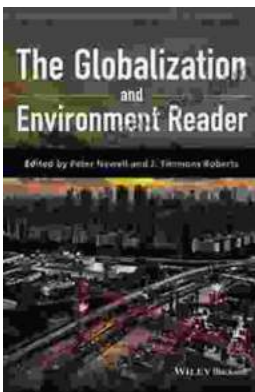
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