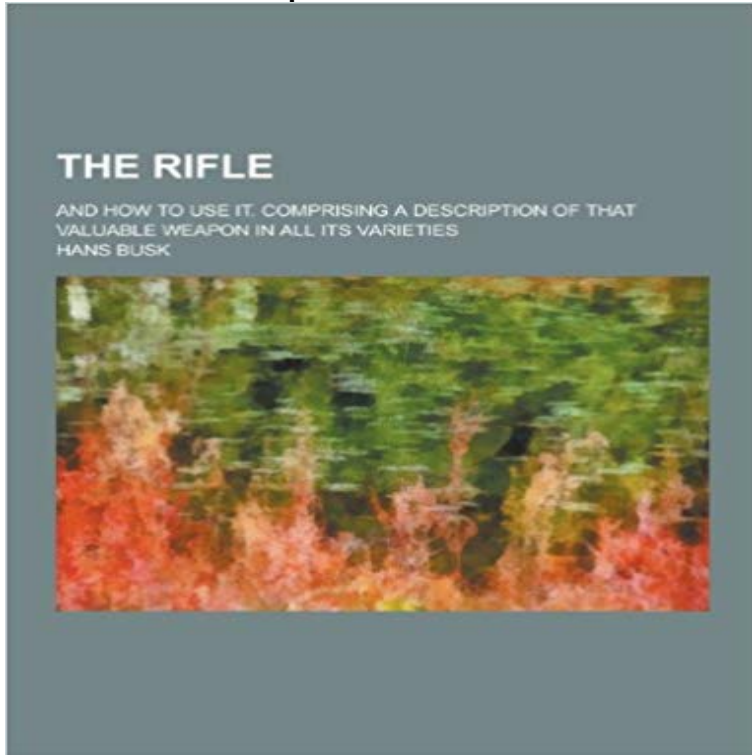


The Rifle; And How to Use It. Comprising a Description of That Valuable Weapon in All Its Varieties



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