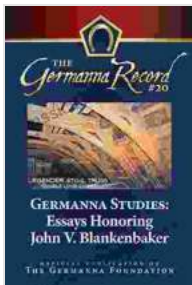


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The essays in this volume provide a valuable overview of Blankenbaker's scholarship and its impact on the field of German-American history. They also offer insights into Blankenbaker's personal life and his commitment to teaching and mentoring students.

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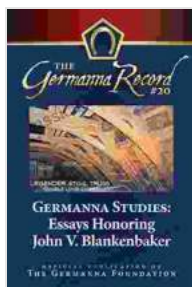
The Germanna colonies in Virginia were established in the early 18th century by a group of German immigrants from the Palatinate region of Germany. The immigrants were fleeing religious persecution and economic hardship in their homeland, and they hoped to find a new life in the American colonies.

The Germanna colonies were located in the Piedmont region of Virginia, between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. The colonists were successful farmers, and they quickly established a thriving community. They also played an important role in the development of the Shenandoah Valley.

John Blankenbaker was a leading expert on the Germanna colonies. His research focused on the cultural transfer that took place between the German immigrants and the American colonists. He argued that the Germanna colonies were a unique example of how two cultures can interact and mutually influence one another.

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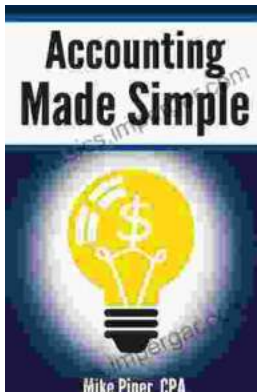
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