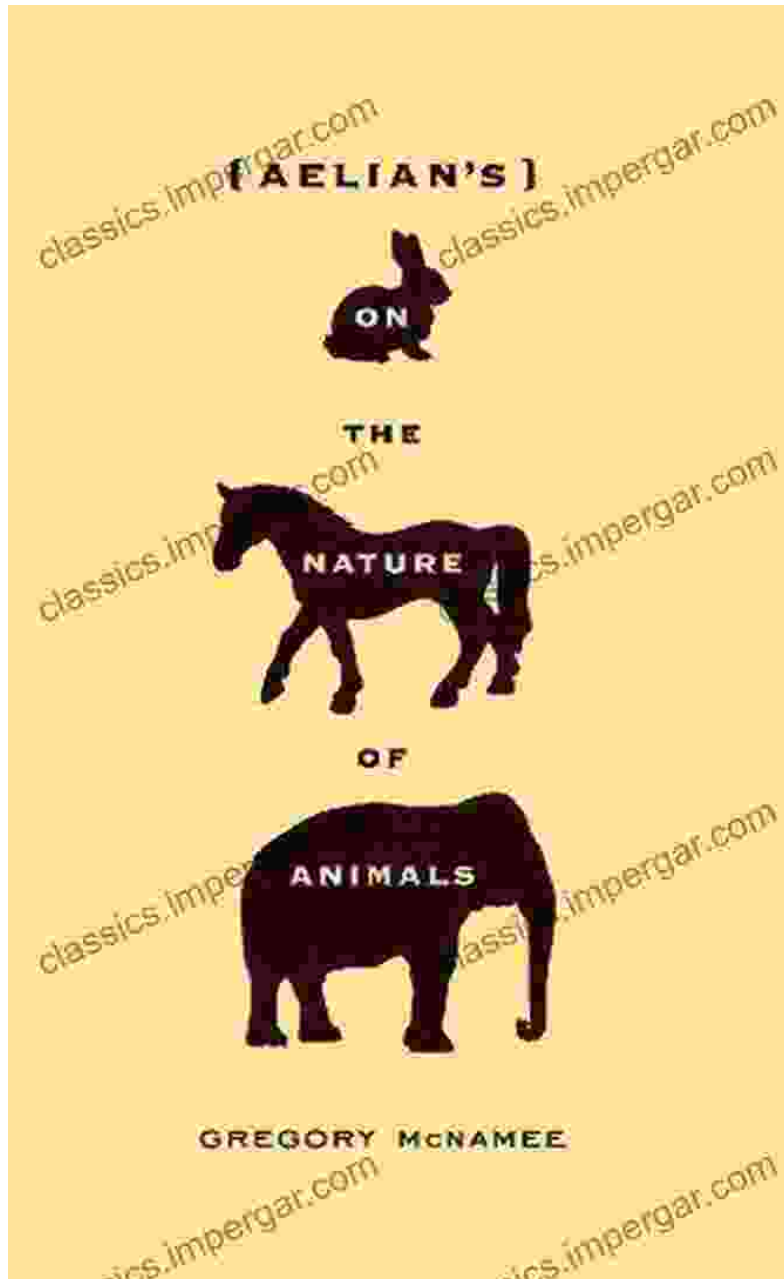


# **Unveiling the Wonders of the Natural World: A Journey with Aelian's "On the Nature of Animals"**

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## **A Literary Odyssey into the Animal World**



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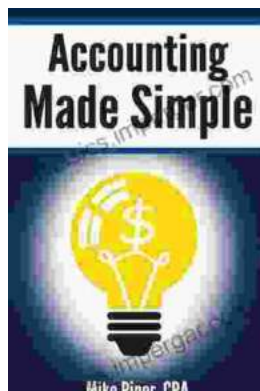
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