

# How They Killed Pluto: The Inside Story of How the Ninth Planet Lost Its Status



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In 2006, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) redefined the term "planet" and Pluto was no longer considered one. This controversial decision sent shockwaves through the scientific community and the general public alike. In this book, author Neil deGrasse Tyson tells the inside story of how this decision was made.

Tyson, who is the director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, was one of the members of the IAU's Committee on Small Bodies Nomenclature, the group that was responsible for redefining the term "planet." In this book, he provides a behind-the-scenes account of the committee's deliberations, including the scientific debates and the political maneuvering that led to Pluto's demotion.

Tyson also explores the broader implications of the IAU's decision. He argues that the redefinition of "planet" was not simply a matter of

semantics, but that it had a profound impact on our understanding of the solar system and our place in it.

This book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of science, the solar system, or the nature of scientific knowledge. It is a fascinating and thought-provoking look at one of the most controversial scientific decisions of our time.

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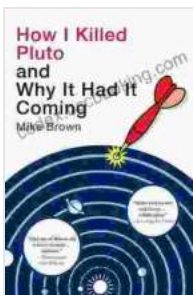
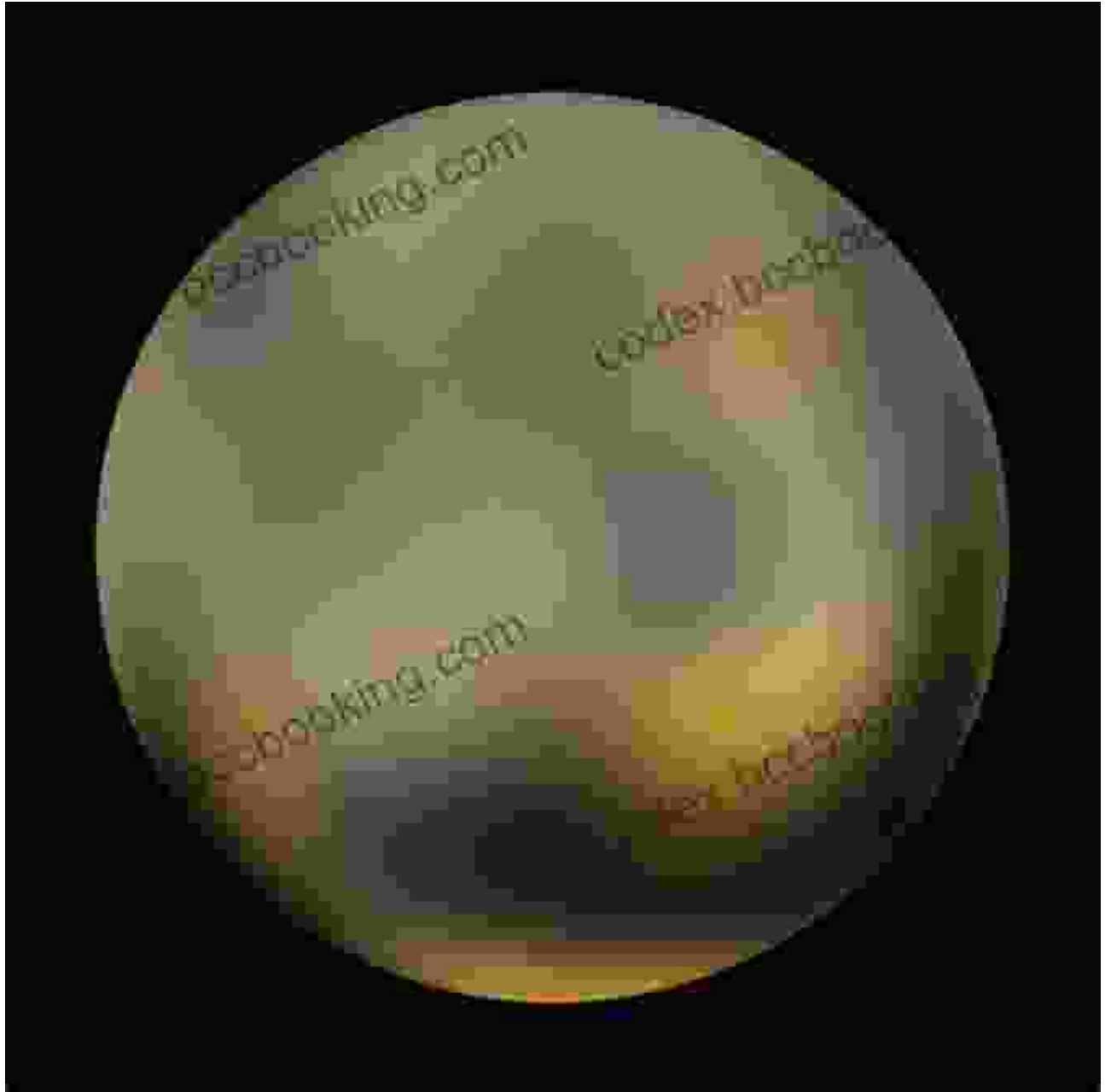
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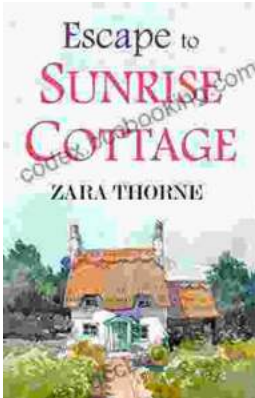
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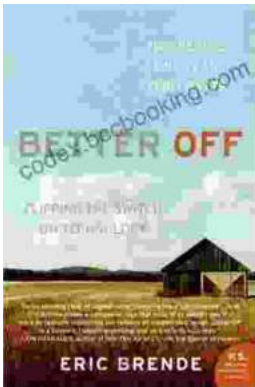
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