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And it's only 272 pages long with sort of big print! Let's go read about the control of nature. **Control naturalbustiva** If you goto this edition of the book you can read a fairly good description of what the book is about: here!The easy response to just about any of the three stories that make up the basis for these essays (Man Versus The Mississippi River and it's natural inclination to 'move' to a more efficient route to the Gulf of Mexico and it's propensity to flood places like New Orleans which is just asking for it; Man Versus slow moving lava and mountain (a fucking mountain a moving fucking mountain on lava. **The control of nature pdf** And not an existing mountain but a new mountain that didn't already exist how awesome / twisted / mind bending is that? A big fissure opens in the ground lava starts seeping out big fire shit shoots into the sky some other geological stuff happens and from the side of a mountain comes another mountain that is moving and some guys with water pumps are trying to stop it) that are threatening to destroy a harbor on an Icelandic Island; and Man Versus millions of tons of rocks and boulders that come sliding off of mountains on the edge of Los Angeles when the conditions are right and destroy everything in their path) as I was saying the easy response to these is 'well that's what you get for building / living there. **Control naturalbustiva** Yeah people don't need to have million dollar homes on the edge of mountains just waiting for the right combination of wildfire debris big rains and loose ground from the very active mountains that are still in the process of rising to send rock slides which can easily pull an automobile along with it heading towards the expensive homes (and then these people have the gall to try to sue for property damage they suffer and sometimes apparently they even win (but sometimes rationality prevails and they don't and they are told well you knew the risks)) but what do you do now that they are living there? And that they are living there and they are quite possibly extremely litigious? And then what do you think of the situation when you find out it's not just rich idiots living in those homes but also pretty much the entire geology department of Cal Tech lives in this danger zone the people who study what is going on here and who know all of the dangers better than probably anyone else in the world and they

chose to live there. **Control naturalbustiva** Can you imagine how great the area must be to knowingly risk having your home wiped out in seconds by raging rocks? My favorite part of the book was the Volcano essay that made up the center of the book. **Control naturalbustiva** It was just amazing and it didn't even need to rely on some of the silliness that Americans provide with their 'I'm going to sue you!' mentality that the very excellent Los Angeles Against the Mountains essay had going on it (it was very very good besides some of the silly stories). **Nature science pest control santa rosa** The rest of this review would have just been gushing about how much I loved the book or me saying something like why are people in Los Angeles so dumb?!? now go away and read the essay. **The control of nature john mcphree pdf** Paperback There are three extended essays herein about disparate places where humans insist on settling sometimes - oftentimes - just for the view; but the land has a different idea. **The control of nature by john mcphree** It lies there like a big alligator in a low slough with time on its side waiting--waiting to outwit the Corps of Engineers--and hunkering down ever lower in its bed and presenting a sort of maw to the Mississippi into which the river could fall. **Control naturalbustiva** Cooling the Lava I said above that sometimes people settle in a place for the view and you can see why folks are reluctant to leave Vestmannaeyjar a town and archipelago off the south coast of Iceland: Until of course this happens: Iceland I learned is volcanic a hot spot. **Control naturalbustiva** Viewed from the edge of the ocean it is an astonishing trompe-l'oeil because it is so smoothly constructed that it appears in two dimensions and presents a deceptive depth of field. **The control of nature john mcphree pdf** Los Angeles Against the Mountains Fires and mudslides in Los Angeles are widely reported on (Oprah's house being front page news) but I never knew the particulars of why they happened. **Control nature xl minsan** Instead he writes this: The ascending effluents of the smelters refineries mills and factories added a great burden to the marine fog layer--made heavier still as the work force moved about in cars. **The control of nature by john mcphree** Paperback McFee looks at three huge public works project the damming and redirectioning of the Mississippi via ongoing construction primarily by the Army Corps of Engineers; attempts in Iceland to redirect the flow of large volumes of lava away from a town by spraying massive amounts of water at the flow edges; and coping with massive debris flows in Los Angeles as the San Gabriel mountains that abut the city both rise and crumble. **Control naturalbustiva** Information here includes some history of the US Army Corps of Engineers an enlightening look at the history of flooding in New Orleans an appreciation for the significance of the Atchafalaya and a look at the geology and natural processes in effect in Los Angeles. **The control of nature john mcphree sparknotes** Paperback Although these three extended essays all ran in the NEW YORKER magazine nearly 30 years ago they retain the power to educate amuse and shock and all show John McPhee master of nonfiction at his best. **Control nature xl minsan** Atchafalaya details the growth of the still little-known waterway that runs roughly parallel to the Mississippi and -- here's the real shock -- might someday seize the mainstream of the mighty Mississipp' leaving towns like Baton Rouge and New Orleans high and dry without outlet. **The control of nature summary** To mitigate against this the Army Corps of Engineers has built several huge water exchangers that connect the two rivers under the theory that regulating the flow of Mississippi water into the Atchafalaya may forestall grand theft by the latter. **Control naturalbustiva** As always McPhee interviews just the right officials and employees at just the right time and his descriptive similes are jewels: the spillway that transmits Mississippi water into the Atchafalaya goes sideways like grain squirting out of a burlap bag. **Control naturalbustiva** What do you do when red-hot lava from new or recent volcanoes threatens the nearest towns and cities? In Iceland you pump literally millions of gallons of cold seawater on the magma hoping it will stall into solid basalt and (eventually) stop the flow. **The control of nature summary** The third section shows the full power of civilization bureaucracy and high technology against the San Gabriel Mountains -- in other words Los Angeles Against the Mountains -- and in spite of millions upon millions spent for retaining walls dry reservoirs to catch rain-loosed mud and dislodged bolders it remains to be seen who will eventually win. **The control of nature pdf** Why oh why do people insist on nesting just below these flaky mountains? One reason is to get above the smog zone making it something that can be seen but not

breathed: Recalling that Southern California smog has its origin in natural sea fog: As you watch it from above through the morning and into the afternoon it turns yellow then ochre then brown and sometimes nearly black -- like butter darkening in a skillet. **Control nature xl minsan** Verbally McPhee is also no stranger to humor; lest I introduce spoilers I won't detail the jibes he gets off at one suburban Arby's but watch out for them! All three segments and therefore all of *The Control of Nature* come highly recommended. **The control of nature pdf** Paperback While John McPhee was working on his previous book *Rising from the Plains* he happened to walk by the engineering building at the University of Wyoming where words etched in limestone said: Strive on--the control of Nature is won not given. **The control of nature by john mcphee** For some years he had been planning a book about places in the world where people have been engaged in all-out battles with nature about (in the words of the book itself) any struggle against natural forces--heroic or venal rash or well advised--when human beings conscript themselves to fight against the earth to take what is not given to rout the destroying enemy to surround the base of Mt. **The control of nature by john mcphee** His interest had first been sparked when he went into the Atchafalaya--the largest river swamp in North America--and had learned that virtually all of its waters were metered and rationed by a U. **Nature science pest control** In the natural cycles of the Mississippi's deltaic plain the time had come for the Mississippi to change course to shift its mouth more than a hundred miles and go down the Atchafalaya one of its tributary branches. **The control of nature pdf** At a place called Old River the Corps therefore had built a great fortress--part dam part valve--to restrain the flow of the Atchafalaya and compel the Mississippi to stay where it is. **Nature's science keto appetite control** As the lava threatened to fill the harbor and wipe it out a physicist named Thorbjorn Sigurgeirsson suggested a way to fight against the flowing red rock--initiating an all-out endeavor unique in human history. **Control naturalbustiva** After a complex coincidence of natural events boulders will flow out of these mountains like fish eggs mixed with mud sand and smaller rocks in a cascading mass known as debris flow. **Nature's science keto appetite control** Plucking up trees and cars bursting through doors and windows filling up houses to their eaves debris flows threaten the lives of people living in and near Los Angeles' famous canyons. **The control of nature summary** Most striking in his vivid depiction of the main contestants: nature in complex and awesome guises and those who would attempt to wrest control from her--stubborn often ingenious and always arresting characters. **The control of nature john mcphee sparknotes** *The Control of Nature*



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I don't know if it was a function of the wrong book at the wrong time but I found myself often getting bored with this effort of John McPhee's from the late 80s. **Control nature xl minsan** I always gave McPhee credit for being able to make a wallpaper seminar given in northern England sound like the high point of a trip to Europe but in *The Control of Nature* a book about things decidedly more interesting than wallpaper I found my mind kept wandering. **Nature science pest control santa rosa** It may not have helped that for two out of his three subjects I have peripheral experience: in Atchafalaya McPhee describes the efforts by the Army Corps of Engineers to keep the Mississippi River contained within its traditional courses and in Los Angeles *Against the Mountains*. **The control of nature john mcphee sparknotes** I don't know whether working on the Mississippi River (currently) or living near Los Angeles (about the time McPhee was writing this) should have

made me more interested or less but the truth is I found it hard to pay attention. **Control nature xl minsan** That I had nothing at all similar to the experiences related in Cooling the Lava where Icelanders saved their town by spraying water on a lava flow that threatened their town didn't seem to make much difference though--I still had a hard time maintaining interest. **Control naturalbustiva** This is a very interesting book that looks at three different locations where people have tried to "control nature" and live where history and perhaps common sense says they probably shouldn't:— The Mississippi River has an enormous flood plain. **Control nature xl minsan** The Army Corps of Engineers built and maintains a river control structure that particularly protects those living in the Atchafalaya and New Orleans area and keeps the end of the river from moving to another place. **Control nature xl minsan** The word will now come to mind more or less in echo of any struggle against natural forces—heroic or venal rash or well advised—when human beings conscript themselves to fight against the earth to take what is not given to rout the destroying enemy to surround the base of Mt. **Control nature xl minsan** — When the ground split open and started spewing red-hot lava into the sky above Heimaey the largest island of Vestmannaeyjar in Iceland some were more worried about protecting the harbor than the homes. **The control of nature summary** Even in something as primal as a volcanic eruption the component of human interference could apparently enter the narrative and in complex and unpredictable geometries alter the shape of succeeding events. **Control nature xl minsan** However throughout the book I couldn't help but think of a quote from Werner Heisenberg one of the founders of quantum theory who reminds us that we are part of nature too: "In classical physics science started from the belief—or should one say from the illusion?—that we could describe the world or at least parts of the world without any reference to ourselves. **Control naturalbustiva** (City building on deltas with changing tributary accesses and silt build ups to water flow % of the entire system volcanic hot spots of earth spheres mountainside view buildings on ranges facing a salt sea; those 3 exact posits and the engineering used answers here:

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Princeton University and Cambridge University educated John Angus McPhee, **Control naturalbustiva** His writing career began at Time magazine and led to his long association since 1965 with the New Yorker as a staff writer. **The control of nature pdf** Both Encounters with the Archdruid and The Curve of Binding Energy were Princeton University and Cambridge University educated John Angus McPhee, **Nature science pest control santa rosa** His writing career began at Time magazine and led to his long association since 1965 with the New Yorker as a staff writer, **The control of nature john mcphee sparknotes** Both Encounters with the Archdruid and The Curve of Binding Energy were nominated for National Book Awards: **The control of nature summary** Selections from these books make up The John McPhee Reader (1976). **Nature's science keto appetite control** Annals of the Former World McPhee's tetralogy on geology was published in a single volume in 1998 and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1999, **The control of nature by john mcphee** {site_link} {site_link} His account of people living in the San Gabriel canyons above Los Angeles is classic -- and scary. **The control of nature by john mcphee** But almost everyone he talked to who lived there found the risks worthwhile. **Control naturalbustiva** Including the Caltech geologists who certainly knew what they were getting into: **Control nature xl minsan** I liked the book more than he did and found McPhee's portrayals of the geologists & engineers accurate and sympathetic, **The control of nature pdf** (Definite exceptions for some!) But I'm a McPhee fanboy so YMMV, **The control of nature by john mcphee** But his description of the Atchafalaya River Control structure vibrating and humming in a flood seemingly on the verge of failure, **Nature science pest control santa rosa** Well all these years later it's still doing its job: <https://en>, **Control nature xl minsan** As are the debris basins above LA which need periodic cleanout And the mudslides still happens sometimes with tragic results. **Control naturalbustiva** So the book is a

little out of date but well-worth reading, **The control of nature pdf** Paperback If you asked me a week ago or before I read this book if I thought this would be a five star book I would have thought you were crazy: **Control nature xl minsan** Her? This book? I would have probably told you I might never even read this book and that it made me bored to just read the copy on the back, **Control naturalbustiva** And I can't even tell you why I started to read this. **Nature science pest control** But I was so young and foolish and stupid then a week ago last Sunday. **Nature's science keto appetite control** This book is so good! I can't do any justice to the book by trying to explain what it is about, **Nature science pest control rohnert park** But of course like just about everything in life when you start to find out more about the situation the easy response isn't so easy. **Nature's science keto appetite control** I don't know who is reading this right now but you should read this essay it's called Cooling the Lava and I can't put into words how great I thought it was. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** I'm sort of a bit in love with volcanos after reading it, **The control of nature pdf** I'll even cut this review short so that you can go find a copy of this book or the essay and read it and hopefully you wont think I steered you too wrong. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** One real river pilot - meaning not Mark Twain - is quoted here: Mother Nature is patient, **The control of nature john mcphoe pdf** I knew of course that the Mississippi floods that volcanoes bubble and that Los Angeles has random fires and mudslides, **The control of nature john mcphoe sparknotes** As he always does John McPhee here blends history science biography anecdote and the occasional personal intrusion to explain it all. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** Who will win? Atchafalaya People settled in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. **Control naturalbustiva** They became thriving cities and important ports well before it became apparent there was a problem: **The control of nature by john mcphoe** The Atchafalaya (rhymes with jambalaya) runs roughly parallel to the Mississippi, **Control naturalbustiva** It is the Atchafalaya's raison d'être to capture the Mississippi, **The control of nature john mcphoe pdf** And it would maybe already would have if Nature was allowed to run its course: **The control of nature by john mcphoe** The Mississippi is just itching to go that way Congress was told in 1928. **Nature science pest control** And if it did well New Orleans and Baton Rouge would be underwater and the Saints would be playing home football games about 150 miles to the west, **Control naturalbustiva** But the Atchafalaya is not going away nor is its seeming purpose. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** One of the reasons I read McPhee is for his humor which can sneak up on you: **Nature's science keto appetite control** In referencing The War of 1812 McPhee begins a sentence: When that unusual year was in its thirty-sixth month : **Control nature xl minsan** Or as McPhee writes: Iceland is the geologic chocolate shop of this minor planet, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** A lot of this section is about how Iceland tries to control the lava flow shooting streams of water at it that works sort of, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** It worked well enough that other countries brought the Icelanders in to see if they could help, **Nature's science keto appetite control** There McPhee went took the obligatory visits to Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** Then he went to Kilauea and after appropriate waivers climbed to the top: **Nature's science keto appetite control** McPhee wrote: Kilauea since 1983 has not been quiet for fifteen minutes, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** I read the section on Kilauea paused for a sip of red wine since it was handy and heard my cellphone buzz with an alert: Kilauea had just erupted, **Control naturalbustiva** Anyhow I also read McPhee because he just writes with a wide-angle lens. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** It looks like a low friendly hill a singing dune at worst a bald Scottish brae. **Nature science pest control rohnert park** You think I'll run up there and have a look around before lunch, **Control nature xl minsan** If it were dissected by streams--given promontories and reentrants serrated by canyons invaded by shadows--it might look something like the Alps. **Control naturalbustiva** As is it's just a massive shield composed of chilled magma looking the way the Alps would look if a dentist could repair them: **The control of nature john mcphoe sparknotes** It turns out there are many factors not excluding human foible. **The control of nature summary** On one side is the Pacific Ocean and on the other side is the San Gabriel Mountains. **The control of nature john mcphoe pdf** On these particular mountains is chaparral which will burn in

large swaths. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** But when chaparral is consumed by fire it makes the ground essentially waterproof: **Control naturalbustiva** Boulders come loose join with mud and trees and cars and parts of buildings in the way: **The control of nature pdf** It's massive debris filling swimming pools garages and houses and really spoiling the view. **Nature science pest control santa rosa** This is a story of debris basins and other human attempts to stop the mountains. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** There's the view and the celebrities the money and sometimes the seeming privacy: **Control nature xl minsan** As one resident said If it gets where I can't pee off my front porch I'll move, **Nature's science keto appetite control** Oh and another reason I read McPhee is that he will not say smog, **Control naturalbustiva** To describe this ochre cumulus the world's shortest portmanteau word which had been coined around 1905 was borrowed from London: **Control nature xl minsan** Overall the information presented in *The Control of Nature* is very interesting: **Control nature xl minsan** Considering that it was published in 1989 and that I was unaware of the specifics involved it has clearly not become common knowledge and thus retains a bit of freshness: **The control of nature by john mcphoe** It might be nice to see a follow-up by the author particularly as applied to the Mississippi and Los Angeles issues in light of events since publication, **Nature science pest control** I confess that I did not look for such and it may well be out there. **The control of nature pdf** While the information in the book was interesting it seemed to me that the writing was less so. **Control naturalbustiva** McPhee offers a host of local personalities to illustrate the impact of these issues on people and generically that approach is sound, **Nature science pest control** I never felt that his portrayals went beyond what one might find in newspaper reportage of the day. **Nature's science keto appetite control** One need not make characters come alive as a good novelist might but his portrayals rarely rose above the mundane. **Nature's science keto appetite control** I thought the book would have profited from the inclusion of illustrations. **Nature science pest control santa rosa** There is a brief section in which drawings are shown of structures no longer present in Iceland but they added little, **The control of nature john mcphoe pdf** In Hawaii you try channelling playing a dangerous game of curling to make the killer lava go somewhere slightly different than it had intended, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** This section is called *Cooling the Lava* and it is absolutely enthralling as are the rugged academics military folk and plain old citizens McPhee encounters in both places. **Control naturalbustiva** The actual circumstances may have changed since McPhee first wrote his articles that became this can't-put-down book; the author's richly compelling way with words hasn't. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** In the morning sunlight that central phrase--the control of nature--seemed to sparkle with unintended ambiguity: **Nature's science keto appetite control** Bilateral symmetrical it could with equal speed travel in opposite directions: **Control nature xl minsan** The United States could not afford that--for New Orleans Baton Rouge and all the industries that lie between would be cut off from river commerce with the rest of the nation, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** In Iceland in 1973 an island split open without warning and huge volumes of lava began moving in the direction of a harbor scarcely half a mile away. **Control naturalbustiva** It was not only Iceland's premier fishing port (accounting for a large percentage of Iceland's export economy) but it was also the only harbor along the nation's southern coast. **The control of nature pdf** On the big island of Hawaii one of the world's two most eruptive hot spots people are not unmindful of the Icelandic example, **The control of nature pdf** McPhee went to Hawaii to talk with them and to walk beside the edges of a molten lake and incandescent rivers: **Control nature xl minsan** Some of the more expensive real estate in Los Angeles is up against mountains that are rising and disintegrating as rapidly as any in the world, **The control of nature by john mcphoe** At extraordinary expense the city has built a hundred and fifty stadium-like basins in a daring effort to catch the debris. **Nature's science keto appetite control** Taking us deep into these contested territories McPhee details the strategies and tactics through which people attempt to control nature: **The control of nature pdf** County Flood Control District to keep the San Gabriel Mountains from squashing Los Angeles into a molehill. **Control nature xl minsan** I can't think of any good reason this should be so--McPhee is a good writer, **The control of nature john mcphoe sparknotes** Not

too clever slyly humorous on occasion but not to the point of overdoing it informative and exhaustive; I can't point to anything that's wrong here, **Nature's science keto appetite control** So I'm going to chalk it up to wrong book at the wrong time: **The control of nature john mcphee sparknotes** That I found his book Looking for a Ship fascinating tells me that I'll still give McPhee plenty of other chances, **Nature science pest control santa rosa** Paperback John McPhee is one of the greatest writers in America today and this is a wonderful introduction to his work, **The control of nature by john mcphee** The premise - humans constantly challenge nature and may hold the upper hand for a while: **Nature science pest control rohnert park** But nature never gets tired and can beat our best in the end, **The control of nature john mcphee pdf** Moral - trying to control nature is risky business and sometimes a very bad idea: **The control of nature summary** Paperback From time to time all hell will break forth from the mountains: **The control of nature john mcphee sparknotes** To the question "Why then do people live there?" the answer seems to be that, **The control of nature by john mcphee** People have been building levees for at least a couple of centuries but that has the unintended effect of just sending more water to those who live further downriver, **The control of nature by john mcphee** I put [a green-and-white sticker that said "ATCHAFALAYA"] in a window of my car: **The control of nature pdf** It has been there for many years causing drivers on the New Jersey Turnpike to veer in close and crowd my lane while staring at a word that signifies collision. **Nature science pest control** When the lava flow started getting close they began spraying water on it in an attempt to halt it in its tracks: **Nature science pest control rohnert park** After the human contribution passed a level higher than trifling the evolution of the new landscape could in no pure sense be natural: **Nature's science keto appetite control** The event had lost its status as a simple act of God, **Control nature xl minsan** In making war with nature there was risk of loss in winning: **Control nature xl minsan** — The San Gabriel Mountains on the east side of Los Angeles are some of the steepest in the world due to plate tectonics, **The control of nature pdf** But in addition to earthquakes the residents have to deal with fires and floods: **Nature science pest control rohnert park** And not just floods of water but debris flows full of boulders some larger than cars: **Control naturalbustiva** You hear a sound like giant castanets—boulders clicking together: **The control of nature john mcphee sparknotes** And there is a scent which is absolutely heavenly of the crushed chaparral plants, **The control of nature by john mcphee** It's so fragrant and beautiful it's eerie to have it associated with something so terrifying. **Control nature xl minsan** "Although the book is a bit dated (first published in 1989) it's still a very interesting read. **The control of nature summary** John McPhee has a clever way with words and it's kind of a pleasure to read but he's also rather long-winded and frequently sarcastic. **The control of nature summary** He often seems to disparage people for living in such places even using the word dingbats in a couple of odd places, **Nature science pest control santa rosa** But he also seems to recognize the beauty of these locations. **The control of nature john mcphee pdf** Overall the book was an enjoyable read and fascinating to consider the power of nature especially in the face of our hubris to try to modify and control it: **Control nature xl minsan** " Paperback His description of the larger ecosystem is very prescient. **The control of nature summary** It was particularly chilling to read his description of the levee system in New Orleans before the Katrina Hurricane and see how precarious our engineering systems are, **The control of nature by john mcphee** It has only strenghtened my belief that we put way too much faith in technological solutions to forces that humans cannot control, **The control of nature by john mcphee** It is a humbling book and good reminder that all actions have much larger reverberations than we often acknowledge, **The control of nature by john mcphee** Top notch explanations of complex and never ending attempts (3 different scenarios) to fool Mother Nature, **The control of nature by john mcphee** This was a 5 star for the complicated science of delta and river system silt constructions for me. **Nature science pest control rohnert park** Knowing the area and the reality I never truly understood major aspects of the Mississippi River and its lower reaches particularly. **The control of nature john mcphee pdf** All 3 posits of peoples' will over reality dire physical positions in nature from engineering to the composites of fall out in the land masses themselves are

excellent: **The control of nature by john mcphoe** SO far!)It only lost a star on the intense engineering particulars and past name drops to all their uses as this can get quite dry after so many pages. **The control of nature by john mcphoe** But their names should be far more well known than they are. The Founding Fish was published in 2002.For a real review I liked Will Byrnes' <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show>. These aren't colorful personalities as a rule.[wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Riv](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_River_Control). Recommended. Man and his abode face disaster in these stories. Man could move of course; and some do. But others try to control nature. As if. . Mother Nature has more time than we do. Yet I didn't know the science of it. Man versus Nature. It just lies there quiet and smooth.So they built levees and then ever higher and higher levees. Stay tuned. . But there's that view. So some people left but others came back.They couldn't help in Hawaii. My reading life gets spookier and spookier. Speaking of Mauna Loa:The long mountain is fifty miles long. The long mountain is as high as the Alps. Los Angeles sprawls. Humans are often the culprit. Then it's a matter of waiting for the winter rains. It's not just the water. Because the people won't move. No. Yet the impact of that approach was minimal. Olympus demanding and expecting the surrender of the gods.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project called Old River Control. the efforts of the L.A. they would rather defy nature than live without it.Atchafalaya. Olympus demanding and expecting the surrender of the gods. But the lava had to go somewhere.“It’s a fantastic place to be in a storm. They’re not pebbles. And God knows it is terrifying. Paperback Outstanding vintage information and assessments. I do now. It will be a losing battle. Nature has far more time on the job. Paperback.