The Geographic Revolution In Early America: Maps, Literacy, And National Identity

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This book by Martin Brückner is a comprehensive study of the geographic revolution in early America, focusing on the interplay between maps, literacy, and national identity from the 1680s to the 1820s. The author examines how maps and literacy influenced the formation of identity in America during this period, and how these elements were integral to the development of American nationhood.

Brückner argues that the geographic revolution in early America was not just about expanding territories and cartography, but also about the development of literacy and the impact on national identity. He uses a variety of sources, including maps, letters, and printed materials, to illustrate how these elements were used to construct a sense of national identity.

The book is divided into several sections, each focusing on a different aspect of the geographic revolution. The first section covers the colonial period, highlighting how maps and literacy were used to create a sense of national identity. The second section looks at the Revolutionary War and the early republic, examining how these elements continued to influence national identity. The final section explores the post-revolutionary period, focusing on how maps and literacy were used to maintain and expand national identity.

Overall, this book provides a detailed and insightful look at the geographic revolution in early America, and is a valuable resource for historians and scholars interested in this period.

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