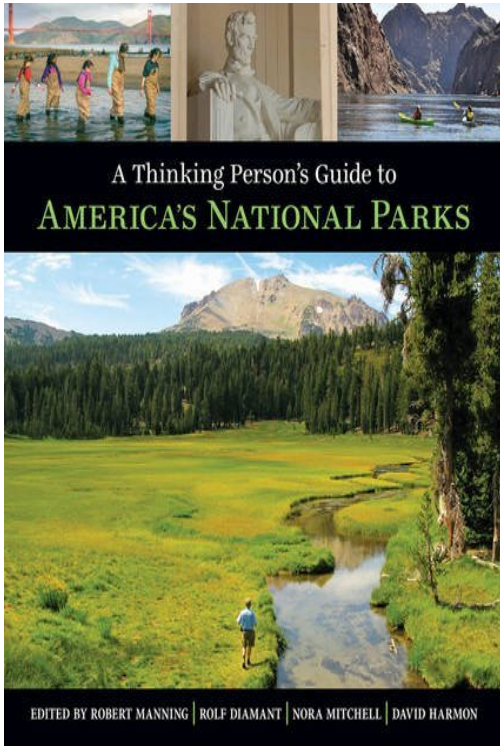# PDF/EPUB A Thinking Person's Guide To America's National Parks EPUB PDF

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