

Memoir of China: A Journey From Manchuria to Taiwan

This memoir chronicles the extraordinary life of a woman who lived through some of the most tumultuous events of the 20th century. Born in Manchuria in 1928, she witnessed the Japanese occupation, the Chinese Civil War, and the rise of communism in China. In 1949, she fled to Taiwan, where she eventually settled and raised a family.



The Great Flowing River: A Memoir of China, from Manchuria to Taiwan by William Westney

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The memoir is a deeply personal and moving account of her life. She writes about her childhood in Manchuria, her experiences during the war, and her decision to leave China. She also writes about her life in Taiwan, her marriage, and her children.

The memoir is a valuable historical document. It provides a firsthand account of some of the most important events of the 20th century. It is also a moving and inspiring story of one woman's strength and resilience.

Childhood in Manchuria

The author was born in Manchuria in 1928. Her father was a successful businessman, and her family lived in a large house in the city of Harbin. She had a happy childhood, and she enjoyed playing with her friends and going to school.

However, her childhood was disrupted by the Japanese occupation of Manchuria. In 1931, the Japanese invaded Manchuria and established a puppet government. The Japanese occupation was a difficult time for the Chinese people. They were subjected to discrimination and violence, and many were forced to work in slave labor camps.

The author's family was fortunate enough to escape the worst of the Japanese occupation. However, they were still affected by the war. Her father lost his business, and the family was forced to move to a smaller house. The author also had to quit school and work in a factory to help support her family.

The Chinese Civil War

In 1945, the Japanese were defeated in World War II, and Manchuria was liberated. The author and her family were overjoyed to be free from Japanese rule. However, their joy was short-lived. In 1946, the Chinese Civil War broke out between the Nationalist Party and the Communist Party.

The Chinese Civil War was a bloody and protracted conflict. Millions of people were killed, and the country was devastated. The author and her family were caught in the middle of the fighting. They were forced to flee their home and move to a refugee camp.

In 1949, the Communist Party emerged victorious from the civil war. The author and her family decided to flee to Taiwan, which was still controlled by the Nationalist Party.

Life in Taiwan

The author and her family arrived in Taiwan in 1949. They were among the millions of Chinese refugees who fled to Taiwan after the Communist victory. Life in Taiwan was difficult for the refugees. They had to start over in a new country, and they often faced discrimination from the native Taiwanese.

However, the author and her family persevered. They eventually found work and a place to live. The author also met her husband in Taiwan, and they had three children.

The author lived in Taiwan for the rest of her life. She saw Taiwan grow and prosper, and she was proud to call it her home.

The author's memoir is a moving and inspiring story of strength and resilience. She lived through some of the most tumultuous events of the 20th century, but she never gave up hope. She was a witness to history, and her story is a valuable contribution to our understanding of the past.



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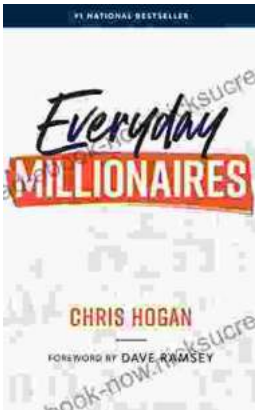
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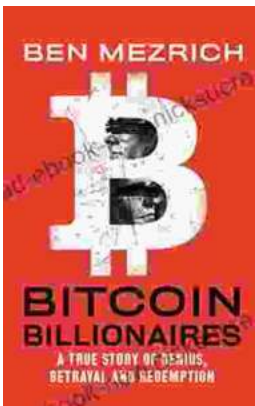
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