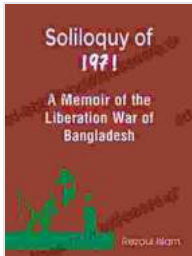


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The Liberation War of Bangladesh was a nine-month-long conflict that led to the secession of East Pakistan from Pakistan and the creation of the independent state of Bangladesh. The war was fought between the Mukti Bahini, the Bangladeshi nationalist forces, and the Pakistani military. The war ended with the surrender of the Pakistani forces on December 16, 1971.

The war was a brutal and bloody affair, with an estimated 3 million people killed. The Pakistani military was accused of committing widespread atrocities, including rape, torture, and murder. The Mukti Bahini was also accused of committing atrocities, but on a much smaller scale.

The war had a profound impact on Bangladesh. The country was devastated by the fighting, and it took many years to rebuild. The war also led to the creation of a new national identity for Bangladesh. The Bangladeshi people are proud of their independence, and they have a strong sense of national unity.

The Causes of the War

The Liberation War of Bangladesh was caused by a number of factors, including:

- **Economic disparities between East and West Pakistan:** East Pakistan was much poorer than West Pakistan, and its people felt that they were being exploited by the West Pakistanis.
- **Political discrimination:** The East Pakistanis were underrepresented in the Pakistani government and military, and they felt that they were not being given a fair share of power.
- **Cultural differences:** The East Pakistanis were predominantly Bengali, while the West Pakistanis were predominantly Punjabi. The two groups had different languages, cultures, and traditions.

In 1970, the Awami League, a political party that represented the East Pakistanis, won a majority of seats in the Pakistani parliament. However, the Pakistani military refused to allow the Awami League to form a government. This led to widespread protests in East Pakistan, and eventually to the outbreak of war.

The Course of the War

The Liberation War of Bangladesh began on March 26, 1971, when the Pakistani military launched a crackdown on the Awami League and other Bengali nationalist groups. The Pakistani military quickly gained control of most of East Pakistan, but the Mukti Bahini launched a guerrilla war against the Pakistani forces.

The Mukti Bahini was supported by India, which provided it with weapons and training. The Pakistani military was supported by the United States, which provided it with military equipment and advisors.

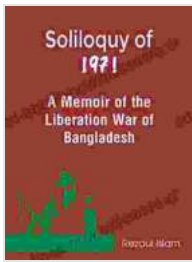
The war lasted for nine months and was fought with great ferocity on both sides. The Pakistani military was eventually defeated, and Bangladesh became an independent state on December 16, 1971.

The Legacy of the War

The Liberation War of Bangladesh was a major turning point in the history of Bangladesh. The war led to the creation of an independent Bangladesh, and it gave the Bangladeshi people a new sense of national pride.

The war also had a profound impact on the relationship between Bangladesh and Pakistan. The two countries have never fully reconciled, and there is still a great deal of bitterness between them.

The Liberation War of Bangladesh was a tragic event, but it also led to the creation of an independent Bangladesh. The Bangladeshi people have shown great courage and resilience in the face of adversity, and they have built a new nation that is proud and independent.



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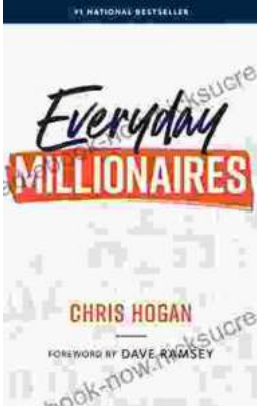
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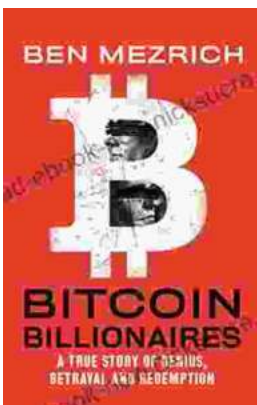
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