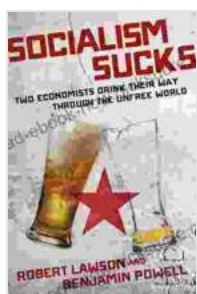


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In North Korea, the authors find that alcohol is a rare commodity that is only available to the elite. The government strictly controls the production and distribution of alcohol, and it is illegal to drink in public. As a result, North Koreans who want to drink must do so in secret. The authors attend a secret drinking party in Pyongyang, and they witness the lengths that North Koreans go to in order to get their hands on alcohol.

In Cuba, the authors find that alcohol is more widely available, but it is still heavily taxed and regulated by the government. The Cuban government uses alcohol as a way to control the population. Drunkenness is illegal, and the police regularly crack down on people who are caught drinking in public. The authors witness a police raid on a bar in Havana, and they see how the police use violence to enforce the government's alcohol laws.

In Russia, the authors find that alcohol is a major problem. The Russian government has tried to crack down on alcohol abuse, but it has had little success. Alcoholism is rampant in Russia, and it is a major cause of death and disease. The authors visit a Russian rehab center, and they talk to alcoholics about their struggles.

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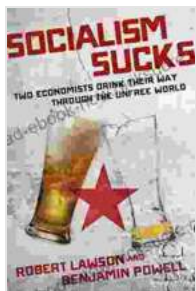
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