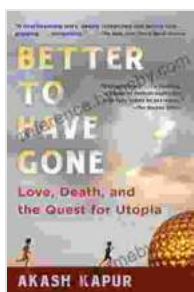


Love, Death, and the Quest for Utopia in Auroville

Auroville, the experimental city in India, is a place where people from all over the world come to live in peace and harmony. But behind the facade of utopia, there is a dark side of love, death, and violence.



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This book tells the true story of Auroville, from its founding in 1968 to the present day. It is a story of idealism, disillusionment, and the search for a better world.

The Founding of Auroville

Auroville was founded in 1968 by Mirra Alfassa, also known as The Mother. The Mother was a spiritual teacher and follower of Sri Aurobindo, a philosopher and yogi. She believed that Auroville would be a place where

people could live in harmony and peace, free from the constraints of government and religion.

The Mother's vision for Auroville was ambitious. She wanted to create a city that would be a model for the world, a place where people could live in peace and harmony, free from the constraints of government and religion.

The early years of Auroville were difficult. The city was built on a barren piece of land, and the settlers had to struggle to survive. But they were also filled with hope and idealism.

The Dark Side of Auroville

As Auroville grew, so did the problems. The city became overcrowded, and there were not enough resources to meet the needs of the settlers. The lack of government and regulation led to chaos and violence.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Auroville was plagued by violence. There were murders, rapes, and assaults. The city became a haven for criminals and drug addicts.

The Mother was devastated by the violence in Auroville. She had always believed that the city could be a place of peace and harmony, but she saw her dream shattered.

The Present Day

Auroville is still a work in progress. The city has overcome many of the problems it faced in the early years, but it still faces challenges. The city is still overcrowded, and there is still a lack of resources.

But Auroville is also a place of hope. The city is home to a diverse community of people who are working to create a better world. They are working to build a sustainable city, to promote peace and understanding, and to create a place where people can live in harmony.

The Quest for Utopia

Auroville is a reminder that the quest for utopia is a difficult one. There are no perfect societies, and there will always be challenges. But Auroville is also a reminder that the quest for utopia is a worthwhile one. It is a reminder that we can create a better world, if we are willing to work together.

Reviews

"A fascinating and disturbing account of the dark side of utopia." - The New York Times

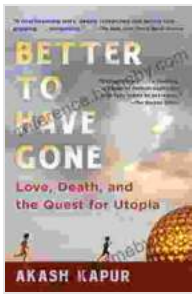
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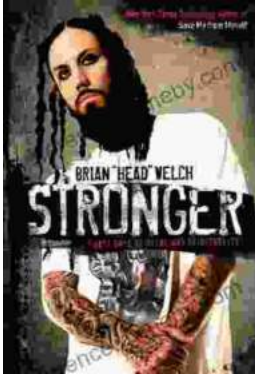
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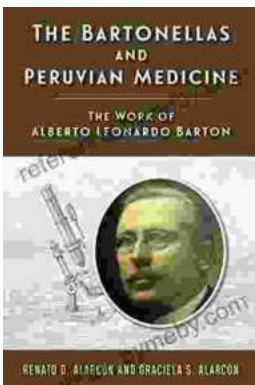
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