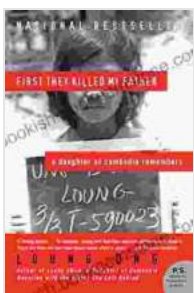


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Daughter of Cambodia Remembers is a powerful and important book. It is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of storytelling to heal wounds. Ung's story is a reminder of the importance of remembering the past and speaking out against injustice. It is also a story of hope and redemption, and it shows that even the darkest experiences can be overcome.

The Cambodian Genocide

The Cambodian genocide was a period of mass murder and political repression in Cambodia from 1975 to 1979. The Khmer Rouge, a communist revolutionary movement, took control of Cambodia and began to implement a radical social and economic agenda. The Khmer Rouge believed that Cambodia was corrupt and backward, and they sought to create a new society based on the principles of Maoism.

The Khmer Rouge's policies led to the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians, or about one-quarter of the population. The victims of the genocide included intellectuals, professionals, ethnic minorities, and anyone who was perceived as a threat to the regime. The Khmer Rouge also carried out a systematic campaign of forced labor and torture.

The Cambodian genocide ended in 1979 when Vietnam invaded Cambodia and overthrew the Khmer Rouge. However, the legacy of the genocide continues to haunt Cambodia today. Many Cambodians still suffer from the

physical and psychological scars of the genocide, and the country is still struggling to come to terms with its past.

Loung Ung's Story

Loung Ung was born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 1970. Her father was a doctor, and her mother was a nurse. Ung had a happy childhood, but everything changed in 1975 when the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia.

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Storytelling can be a therapeutic tool for survivors of trauma. It can help them to process their experiences, make sense of their emotions, and connect with others who have shared similar experiences. Storytelling can also help to raise awareness of important issues and to promote social change.

Loung Ung's story is a powerful example of the power of storytelling to make a difference in the world. Her memoir has helped to raise awareness of the Cambodian genocide and its lasting legacy. It has also inspired others to share their own stories of trauma and resilience.

Daughter of Cambodia Remembers is a powerful and moving memoir that tells the story of Loung Ung's childhood during the Cambodian genocide. Ung writes with honesty and candor about the horrors she witnessed and the ways in which she has struggled to come to terms with her past. Her story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of storytelling to heal wounds.

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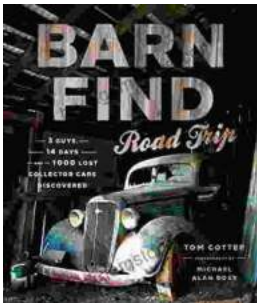


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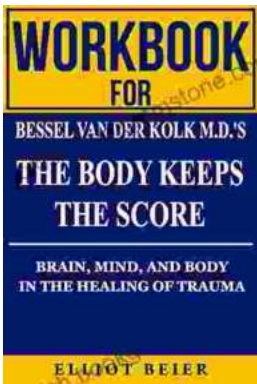
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