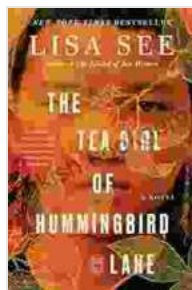


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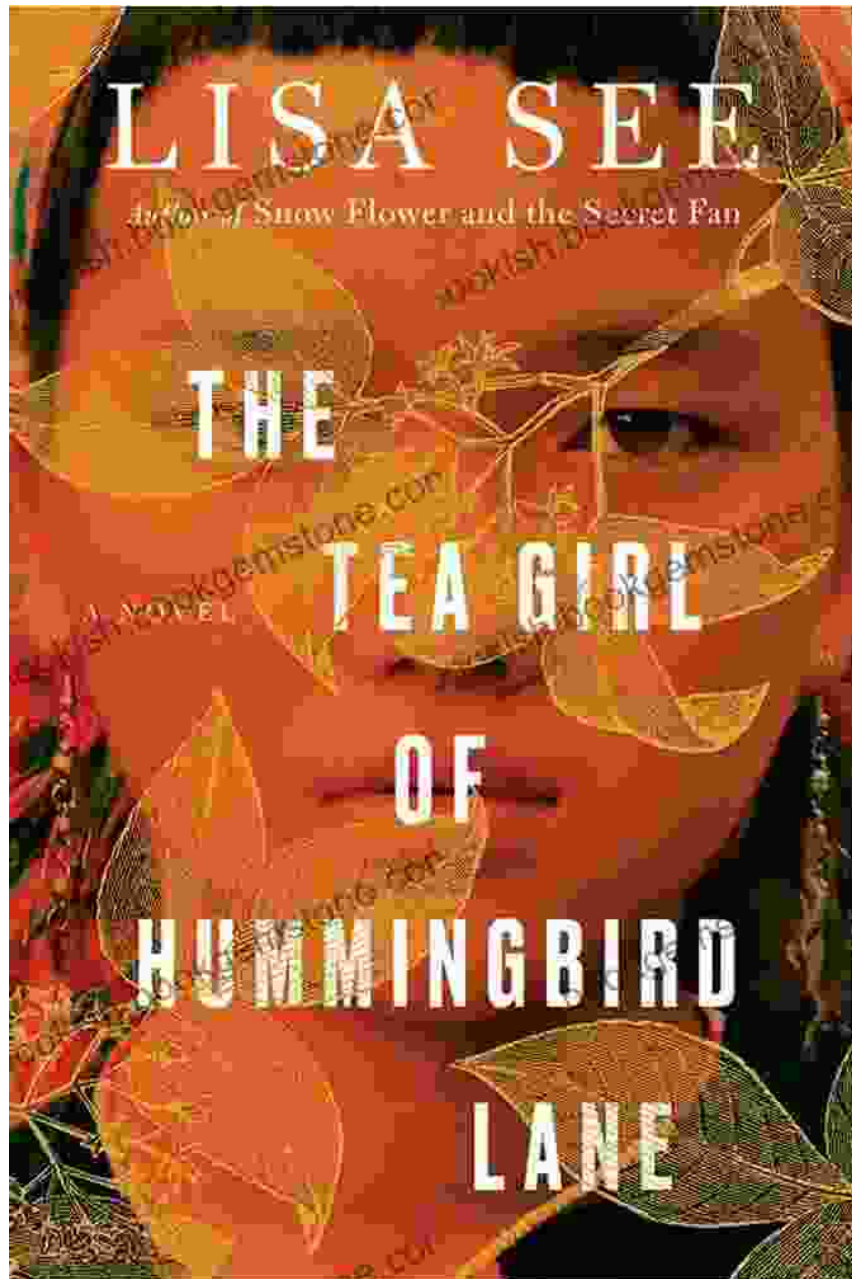
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A Captivating Tale of Two Women United by Tea

In her enchanting novel "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane," renowned author Lisa See weaves a captivating tale that spans generations and

continents, exploring the lives of two women connected by a shared love of tea.

The story unfolds in the lush tea plantations of China's Yunnan province, where Li-yan, a young woman from the Akha hill tribe, discovers her ancestral gift for cultivating tea. As she develops her skills, she encounters Victor, an American botanist who recognizes her talent and becomes both her mentor and her lover.

Decades later, in San Francisco, Grace, a Chinese-American woman, stumbles upon an abandoned tea cake that contains a mysterious note. Intrigued, she sets out to discover its origins, a journey that leads her to Li-yan's granddaughter, Haley. As the two women delve into the past, they uncover the resilience of their families, the complexities of cultural identity, and the enduring power of tea.

Delving into the Rich Tapestry of Chinese Culture

"The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" is a rich and immersive exploration of Chinese culture, from the traditional customs of tea farming to the intricate rituals of tea drinking. See paints a vivid picture of the Akha hill tribe, their close connection to nature, and their reverence for tea as a sacred beverage.

Through Li-yan's eyes, we witness the painstaking process of growing, harvesting, and preparing tea, a process steeped in centuries of knowledge and tradition. We learn about the different varieties of tea, their unique flavors and aromas, and the role they play in Chinese society.

As the story progresses, we also explore the complexities of Chinese history, including the Cultural Revolution and its devastating impact on traditional Chinese culture. See weaves these historical events into her narrative, providing a deeper understanding of the characters' motivations and the challenges they face.

The Enduring Bond of Family and Tradition

At its heart, "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" is a story about family, tradition, and the enduring bonds that connect us. Li-yan and Grace, though separated by time and distance, are both searching for their roots and a sense of belonging.

As they explore their family histories, they discover the importance of preserving cultural traditions and honoring the sacrifices made by their ancestors. Through their journey, they learn to appreciate the strength and resilience that comes from family connections, even when those connections are fractured or broken.

"The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" is a poignant reminder that family and tradition are woven into the very fabric of our lives, shaping who we are and providing us with a sense of purpose and identity.

Praise for "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane"

"A beautiful and moving story that celebrates the power of family, tradition, and the human spirit." - **The Washington Post**

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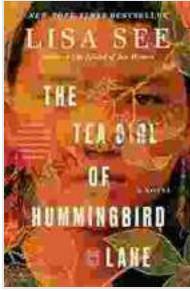
About the Author, Lisa See

Lisa See is an award-winning author known for her historical novels that explore the lives of women in different cultures. She is the bestselling author of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" and "The Island of Sea Women." See's work has been translated into over 30 languages and has been adapted into films and television dramas.

See's passion for China and its culture stems from her Chinese heritage and her experiences living in the country. She has traveled extensively throughout China, researching and connecting with the people and customs that inspire her writing.

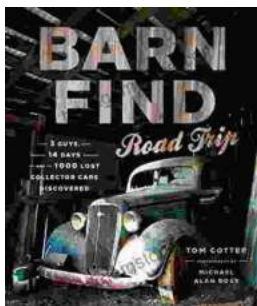
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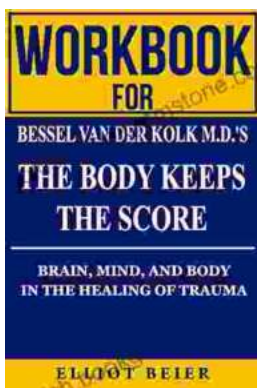
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