"From Cairo to Katrina: An Exile's Journey"

A Memoir of Resilience, Hope, and the Unbreakable Ties that Bind Us

Khaled Mattawa's "From Cairo to Katrina" is a captivating memoir that chronicles his extraordinary life from his childhood in Egypt to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. A tale of displacement, resilience, and the enduring power of human connection, this book is a testament to the indomitable spirit that can triumph over adversity.

Mattawa's journey begins in the bustling streets of Cairo, where he spent his formative years in a vibrant and close-knit community. However, his idyllic childhood was shattered when his family was forced to flee their home due to political unrest. As exiles in a foreign land, they faced challenges and prejudices, but they also found solace in the unwavering support of one another.



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Years later, Mattawa found himself in the vibrant city of New Orleans, where he had built a new life and a thriving career as a poet and professor.

But in 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck, leaving behind a trail of devastation and heartbreak. Mattawa recounts the harrowing experience of witnessing the city he loved being ravaged by the storm and the desperate struggle to survive in its aftermath.

Amidst the chaos and loss, Mattawa found strength in the unbreakable bonds he had forged with his family and community. His moving account of their resilience and determination in the face of adversity is a testament to the power of human connection in times of crisis.

Beyond the personal narrative, "From Cairo to Katrina" also delves into broader themes of identity, culture, and the complexities of belonging. Mattawa explores the challenges and rewards of navigating multiple cultures and the search for a place where he truly feels at home.

Written with poetic grace and candor, "From Cairo to Katrina" is a profound and deeply moving memoir that celebrates the indomitable spirit of refugees and exiles around the world. It is a story of hope, resilience, and the unbreakable ties that bind us together, even in the face of the most formidable challenges.

Praise for "From Cairo to Katrina":



""A lyrical and deeply moving memoir that explores the complexities of exile, identity, and the enduring power of family and community. Khaled Mattawa's evocative writing transports us to the streets of Cairo, the vibrant city of New Orleans, and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. This is a book

that will stay with you long after you finish reading it." - Ibram X. Kendi, author of "How to Be an Antiracist""



""Khaled Mattawa's memoir is a powerful and haunting account of loss, resilience, and the search for belonging. His lyrical prose and intimate storytelling capture the complexities of exile and the unwavering bonds of family. 'From Cairo to Katrina' is a must-read for anyone interested in the human experience." - Laila Lalami, author of "The Moor's Account""

About the Author:

Khaled Mattawa is an award-winning poet, essayist, and professor. Born in Benghazi, Libya, and raised in Cairo, Egypt, he currently resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he teaches at the University of Michigan. His work has been widely published and anthologized, garnering numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2019.

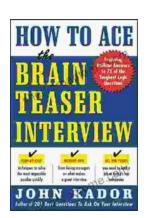
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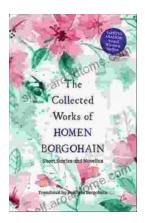
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