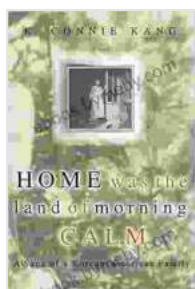


Home Was the Land of Morning Calm: A Journey of Discovery and Forgiveness in Korea

In 1950, my father left his home in North Korea to fight in the Korean War. He never returned.



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I was born in the United States, and I grew up hearing stories about my father's homeland. My mother told me about the beautiful mountains, the clear rivers, and the friendly people. She told me about the delicious food, the vibrant culture, and the ancient traditions.

I always dreamed of visiting Korea, but it wasn't until I was in my thirties that I finally made the trip. I was nervous at first, but I was also excited. I couldn't wait to see the country that my father had loved so much.

My first stop was Seoul, the capital of South Korea. Seoul is a modern and vibrant city, but it also has a rich history. I visited the Gyeongbokgung

Palace, which was built in the 14th century. I walked through the Insadong district, which is known for its traditional shops and art galleries. And I ate my way through the city's many street food stalls.

After a few days in Seoul, I took a train to Busan, the second largest city in South Korea. Busan is a port city, and it has a more relaxed atmosphere than Seoul. I spent my days walking along the beach, visiting the temples, and eating fresh seafood.

From Busan, I took a ferry to Jeju Island. Jeju Island is a volcanic island, and it is known for its beautiful scenery. I hiked up Mount Hallasan, the highest mountain on the island. I visited the Manjanggul Lava Tube, which is one of the longest lava tubes in the world. And I swam in the clear blue waters of the island's many beaches.

My trip to Korea was an unforgettable experience. I saw the country that my father had loved, and I met the people who had shaped his life. I learned about the history of Korea, and I gained a new appreciation for the culture. And I discovered that home is not just a place, but a feeling. It is a feeling of belonging, of being loved, and of being accepted.

When I returned to the United States, I brought back with me a new understanding of my father. I also brought back a new appreciation for the country that he had left behind. Korea is a land of beauty, of culture, and of history. It is a land that is worth exploring, and it is a land that is worth remembering.

Home Was the Land of Morning Calm is a memoir of my journey to Korea. It is a story of discovery, of forgiveness, and of finding home.

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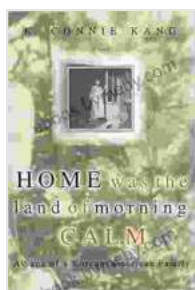
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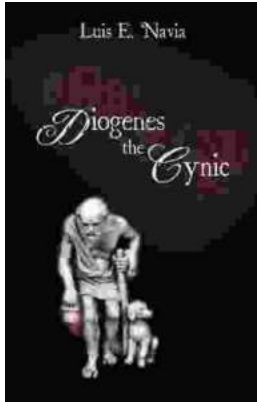
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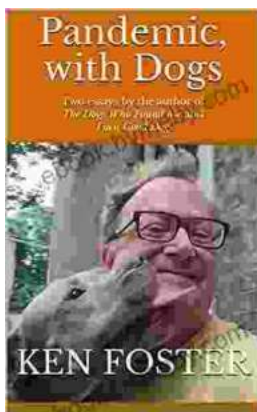
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