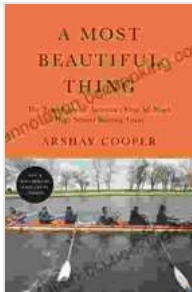


The Most Beautiful Thing: A Haunting and Powerful Novel About the Hmong Experience



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Yang's writing is lyrical and evocative, and she creates a vivid and unforgettable portrait of Lua's life. Lua is a complex and sympathetic character, and her story is both heartbreaking and inspiring. Readers will root for Lua as she struggles to overcome the challenges she faces, and they will be moved by her resilience and strength.

The Most Beautiful Thing is a powerful and important novel that sheds light on the Hmong experience. It is a story of war, trauma, and immigration, but it is also a story of hope and healing. Readers will be haunted by Lua's story long after they finish reading it.

About the Author

Kao Kalia Yang is a Hmong American writer and activist. She was born in Laos and came to the United States as a refugee in 1979. Yang has written several books, including *Cracking the Coconut: Young Women of Color on the Front Lines of Change*, *The Song of the Bird*, and *The Most Beautiful Thing*. Yang's work has been praised for its honesty, its insights into the Hmong experience, and its lyrical prose.

Reviews

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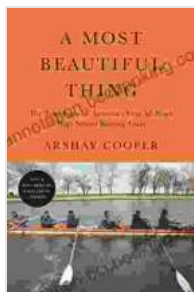
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