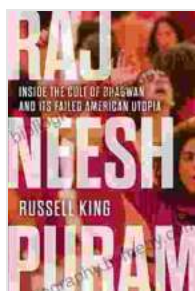


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Journey back to the 1980s, when the Bhagwan movement gained international prominence and thousands of followers flocked to Rajneeshpuram, seeking enlightenment and a life free from societal constraints. Witness the rise and fall of this utopian experiment, marked by charismatic leadership, fervent devotion, and ultimately, its tragic demise.



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Conflicts arose over land use, zoning regulations, and the Bhagwan cult's unconventional practices. The commune's leadership, led by the enigmatic Ma Anand Sheela, became increasingly isolated and defensive, resorting to questionable tactics to protect their way of life.

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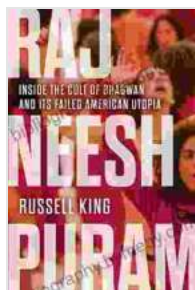
The decline of Rajneeshpuram was swift and dramatic. Accusations of poisoning, wiretapping, and immigration fraud tarnished the cult's reputation and drew the attention of law enforcement. In 1985, Bhagwan was arrested for immigration violations, and the commune was disbanded.

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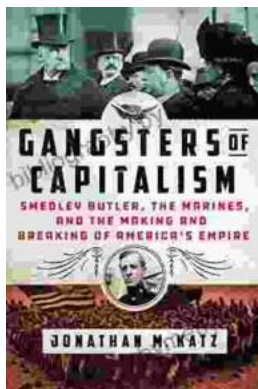
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