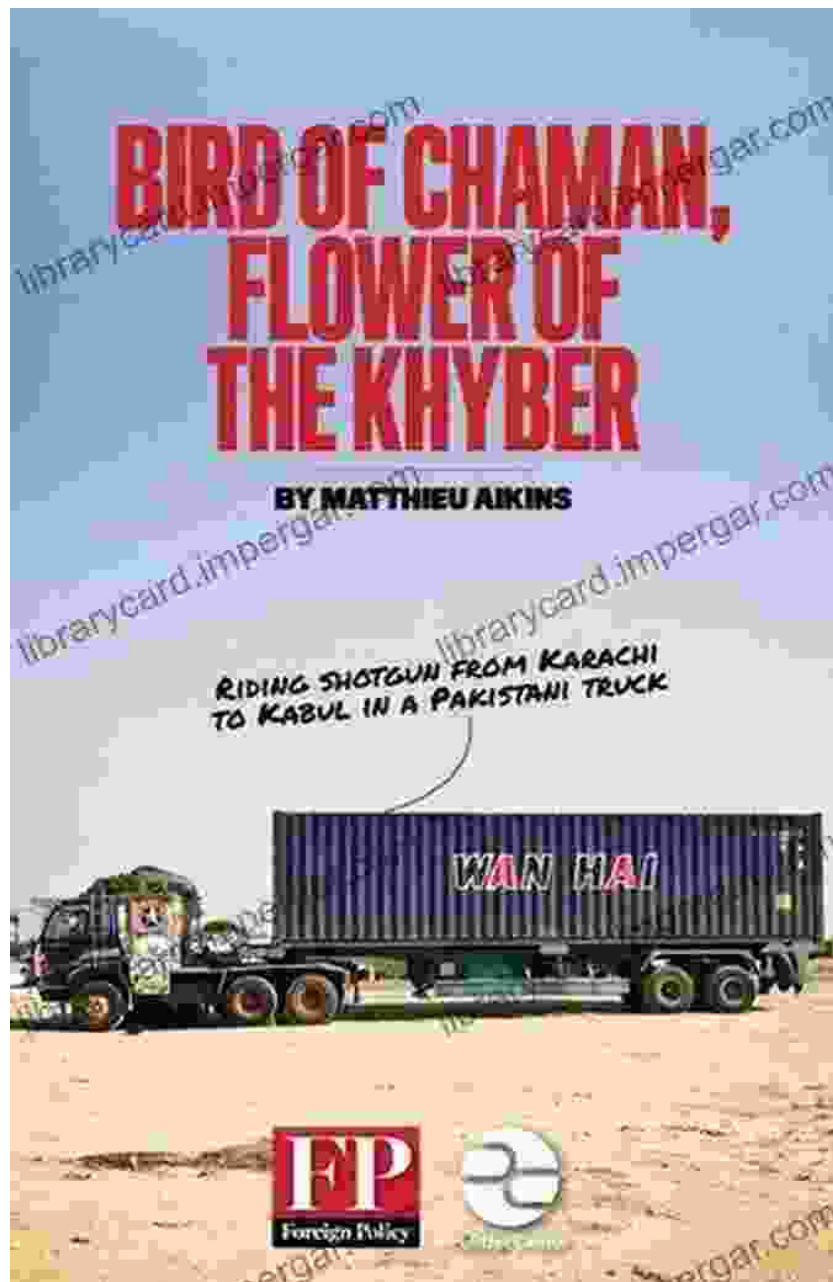


Bird of Chaman, Flower of the Khyber: A Journey into the Heart of Afghanistan

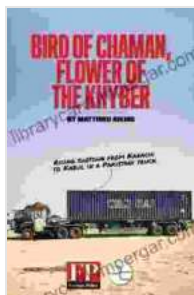


About the Book

Bird of Chaman, Flower of the Khyber is a memoir by Atiq Rahimi, a renowned Afghan-French writer. It was first published in French in 2008

and was translated into English in 2011. The book is a deeply personal and moving account of Rahimi's childhood and adolescence in Afghanistan during the Soviet invasion and subsequent civil war.

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by Alice Kessler-Harris

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Bird of Chaman, Flower of the Khyber is a powerful and unflinching account of Rahimi's experiences during this tumultuous period. He writes about the horrors of war, the loss of loved ones, and the struggle to survive. But he also writes about the beauty and resilience of the Afghan people. The book

is a testament to the power of hope and the indomitable spirit of the human being.

Critical Reception

Bird of Chaman, Flower of the Khyber has been widely praised by critics. The New York Times called it "a masterpiece of memoir" and "a must-read for anyone who wants to understand Afghanistan." The Washington Post said that Rahimi "writes with a rare combination of lyricism and honesty" and that the book is "a haunting and unforgettable portrait of a country at war." The Guardian said that Rahimi is "one of the most important voices in contemporary literature" and that Bird of Chaman, Flower of the Khyber is "a powerful and moving book that will stay with you long after you finish it."

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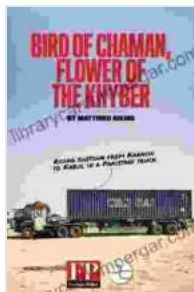
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short films and documentaries. His first feature film, *The Patience Stone*, was released in 2012.

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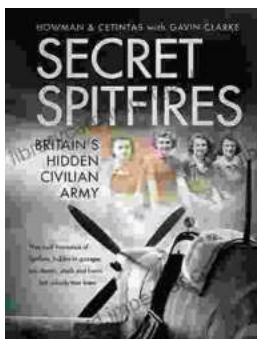


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