

Where Half The World Is Waking Up: The Old And The New In Japan, China, And The

In his new book, *Where Half The World Is Waking Up*, journalist Evan Osnos explores the rapid economic and social changes taking place in Japan, China, and South Korea. The author, who has lived in all three countries, provides a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing these nations as they navigate the 21st century.

Osnos begins his book by describing the "old" Asia, a region that was largely poor and rural. However, he argues that this old Asia is rapidly disappearing, and that a "new" Asia is emerging in its place. This new Asia is wealthier, more urban, and more connected to the global economy.

Osnos identifies a number of factors that are driving this transformation, including:



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- **Economic growth:** Japan, China, and South Korea have all experienced rapid economic growth in recent decades. This growth has led to a rise in living standards and a decline in poverty.
- **Globalization:** Japan, China, and South Korea are all increasingly integrated into the global economy. This has led to increased trade and investment, as well as the spread of new ideas and technologies.
- **Demographics:** Japan, China, and South Korea are all facing demographic changes, such as aging populations and declining birth rates. These changes are putting pressure on governments to provide social services and support for the elderly.

Osno argues that the rise of the new Asia has both positive and negative consequences. On the one hand, it has led to increased wealth and opportunity for many people. On the other hand, it has also led to increased inequality, social unrest, and environmental degradation.

Osno concludes his book by arguing that the new Asia is a "work in progress." He says that these countries are still struggling to find the right balance between economic growth, social justice, and environmental sustainability. However, he is optimistic about the future of Asia. He believes that these countries have the potential to become global leaders in the 21st century.

Where Half The World Is Waking Up is a timely and important book. It provides a unique perspective on the rapid changes taking place in Asia. Osno's writing is clear, concise, and engaging. He provides a wealth of

information and insights, and he does so in a way that is both accessible and thought-provoking.

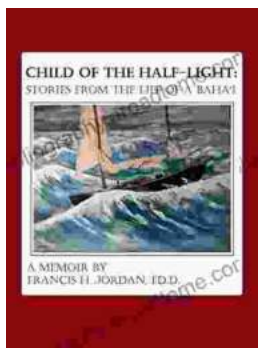
I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Asia, or in the global economy. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the challenges and opportunities facing the world in the 21st century.



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