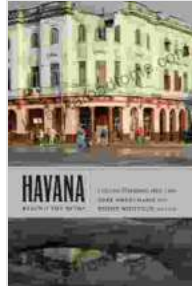


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Havana, the capital of Cuba, is a city with a rich and complex history. Founded in 1519 by Spanish conquistadors, Havana was a major center of the transatlantic slave trade and a key port for the export of sugar and tobacco. In the 20th century, Havana became a popular tourist destination and a hub for gambling and organized crime. However, after the Cuban Revolution in 1959, Havana's economy and infrastructure declined, and the city fell into disrepair.

In recent years, Havana has undergone a resurgence of interest, thanks in part to the loosening of travel restrictions and the increasing popularity of cultural tourism. The city's unique architecture, vibrant music scene, and rich history have all contributed to its growing popularity. However, Havana is still a city with many challenges, including poverty, crime, and environmental degradation.

The book "Havana Beyond The Ruins: Cultural Mappings After 1989" explores the complex cultural landscape of Havana in the years following the collapse of the Soviet Union. The book features essays by leading scholars and artists, as well as a selection of photographs by renowned photographer Alex Webb. Together, these essays and photographs provide a nuanced and multifaceted portrait of Havana, a city that is both alluring and enigmatic.

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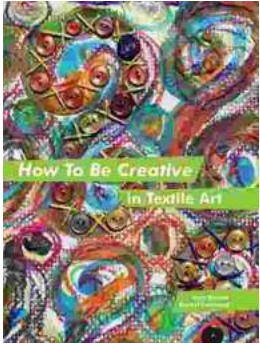
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