# So This Is Hong Kong: A Literary Journey Through the Fragrant Harbour

Hong Kong is a city of contrasts. It is a place where East meets West, where tradition meets modernity, and where the past and present coexist in a vibrant and ever-changing landscape. This unique blend of cultures and influences has created a city that is both fascinating and enigmatic, and it is this enigmatic quality that has inspired so many writers to set their stories in Hong Kong.



### So... This is Hong Kong: Adventures of an American Who Moved East by Angela D. French

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So This Is Hong Kong is a literary journey through the Fragrant Harbour, exploring its unique culture, history, and people through the eyes of some of the city's most celebrated writers. The book features a collection of essays, short stories, and poems by writers such as Han Suyin, Xi Xi, Eileen Chang, and James Clavell, each of whom offers their own unique perspective on this complex and fascinating city.

The essays in So This Is Hong Kong cover a wide range of topics, from the city's history and culture to its people and their way of life. Han Suyin's essay, "Hong Kong: A City of Many Faces," provides a fascinating overview of the city's history, from its early days as a British colony to its present-day status as a global financial center. Xi Xi's essay, "The Fragrant Harbour," explores the city's unique culture and its blend of Eastern and Western influences. Eileen Chang's essay, "Love in a Fallen City," is a moving and evocative portrait of a young woman's coming-of-age in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation. And James Clavell's essay, "The Dragon's Tail," provides a gripping account of the city's role in the Vietnam War.

The short stories and poems in So This Is Hong Kong offer a more intimate glimpse into the lives of the city's people. Han Suyin's short story, "The Old House," tells the story of a young woman who returns to her childhood home in Hong Kong after many years away. Xi Xi's short story, "The Umbrella," is a poignant story of love and loss set against the backdrop of the city's crowded streets. Eileen Chang's poem, "Hong Kong," is a lyrical meditation on the city's beauty and its ever-changing nature. And James Clavell's poem, "The Fragrant Harbour," is a powerful and moving tribute to the city that he loved.

So This Is Hong Kong is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Hong Kong, its history, its culture, or its people. The book is a rich and varied collection of writing that offers a unique and unforgettable portrait of this complex and fascinating city.

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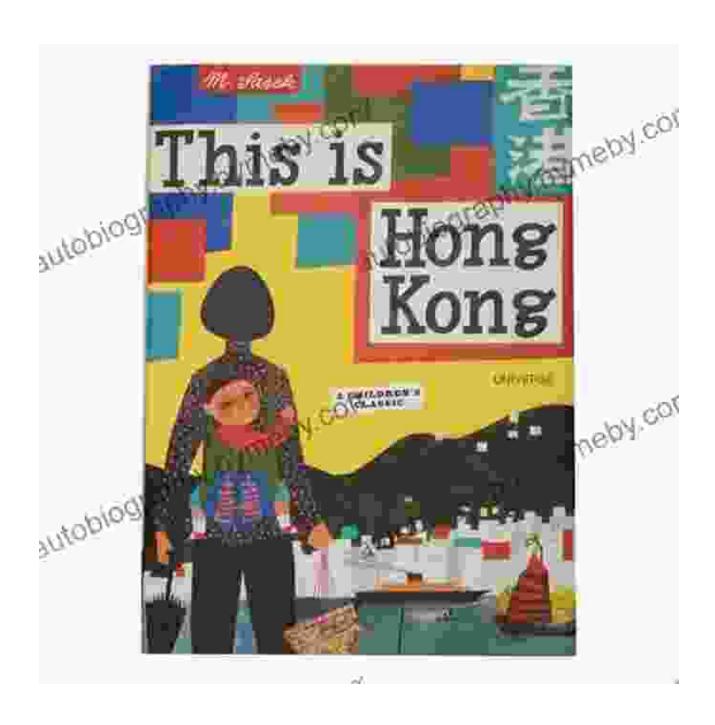
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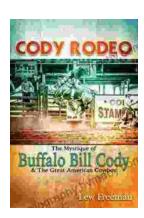
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