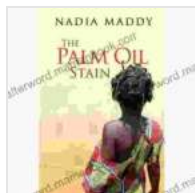


The Palm Oil Stain: Nadia Maddy's Striking Debut Novel Explores Environmental Exploitation and Colonialism



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In her debut novel, *The Palm Oil Stain*, Nadia Maddy takes readers on a journey into the heart of one of the most pressing environmental and social issues of our time: the destruction of rainforests for the production of palm oil. Set in Malaysia, the novel tells the interwoven stories of three women whose lives are inextricably linked to the palm oil industry.

First, there is Siti, a young woman from an indigenous community who is forced to leave her home when her village is destroyed to make way for a palm oil plantation. Despite her displacement, Siti remains determined to fight for the rights of her people and protect the environment that has sustained them for generations.

Then there is Ling, a Chinese-Malaysian woman who works as a chemist for a palm oil company. Ling is initially drawn to the industry by the promise of economic opportunity, but she soon becomes disillusioned by the devastating environmental and social impacts of palm oil production.

Finally, there is Asha, an Indian-Malaysian plantation worker who is struggling to provide a better life for her family. Asha is caught in a cycle of poverty and exploitation, and she dreams of a day when she can leave the plantation and give her children a better future.

Through the interwoven narratives of these three women, Maddy exposes the hidden truths behind the production of palm oil. She shows how the industry is driving deforestation, climate change, and the displacement of indigenous communities. She also explores the complex social and economic forces that perpetuate the exploitation of workers and the environment.

The Palm Oil Stain is a powerful and thought-provoking novel that will stay with readers long after they finish it. Maddy's writing is lyrical and evocative, and she brings the rainforest and its inhabitants to life with stunning clarity. The novel is also deeply researched, and Maddy provides a wealth of information about the palm oil industry and its devastating consequences.

Ultimately, *The Palm Oil Stain* is a call to action. Maddy challenges readers to confront the environmental and social injustices that are hidden behind the products we consume every day. She urges us to demand change and to work together to create a more just and sustainable future for all.

About the Author

Nadia Maddy is a Malaysian writer and activist. She is the author of the short story collection *The Other Side of the Sea* and the novel *The Palm Oil Stain*. Maddy's work has been published in numerous literary magazines and anthologies, and she has received several awards for her writing, including the Commonwealth Short Story Prize and the International Booker Prize.

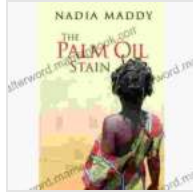
Maddy is a passionate advocate for environmental and social justice. She is a member of the advisory board of the Rainforest Action Network and the co-founder of the Palm Oil Action Group. Maddy's work has helped to raise awareness about the devastating impacts of palm oil production and has inspired people around the world to take action to protect rainforests and the rights of indigenous communities.

Praise for *The Palm Oil Stain*

"A powerful and moving novel that exposes the hidden truths behind the palm oil industry. Nadia Maddy is a brilliant writer who has given us a story that will stay with us long after we finish it." — **Amitav Ghosh**, author of *The Hungry Tide*

"A devastating indictment of the palm oil industry and a powerful call to action. Nadia Maddy has written a novel that is both urgent and unforgettable." — **Barbara Kingsolver**, author of *The Poisonwood Bible*

"A beautifully written and deeply researched novel that shines a light on one of the most pressing environmental and social issues of our time. Nadia Maddy is a rising star in Malaysian literature, and *The Palm Oil Stain* is a must-read for anyone who cares about the future of our planet." — **Kamila Shamsie**, author of *Home Fire*



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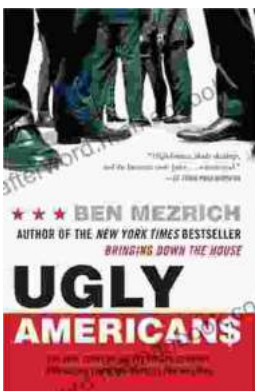
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