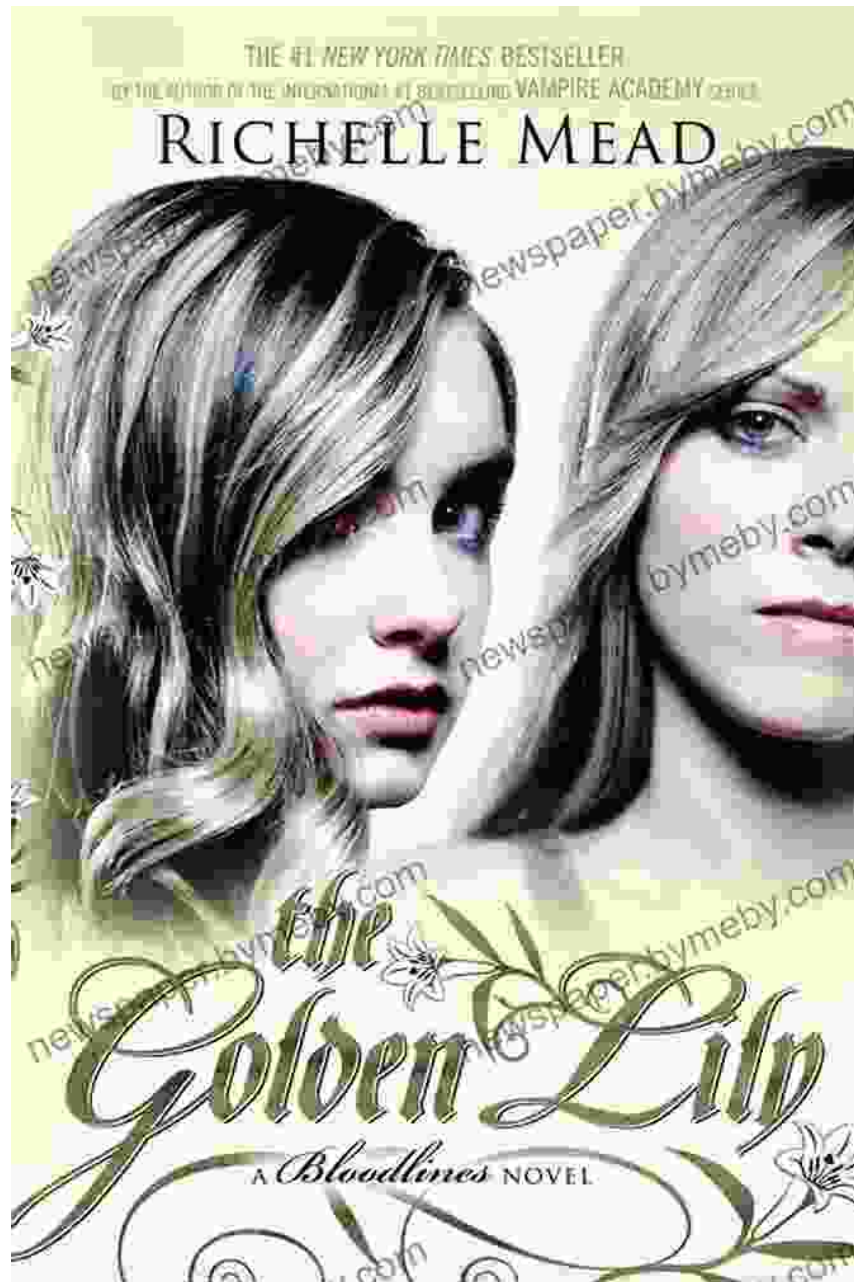
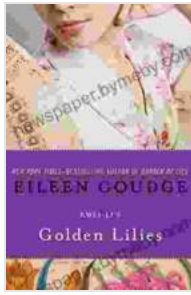


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Unveiling the Allure and Agony of an Ancient Practice





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Prepare to be captivated by *Golden Lilies*, the groundbreaking work by renowned anthropologist John Howard Reid. This masterpiece transports you into the enigmatic world of Chinese foot binding, a practice that has both fascinated and horrified outsiders for centuries. Through vivid descriptions, meticulous research, and poignant personal accounts, Reid unveils the allure, agony, and profound cultural significance behind this ancient tradition.

A Window into a Hidden Realm

Golden Lilies takes you on an unforgettable journey through time and culture. You'll encounter women who endured the excruciating pain of foot binding in the pursuit of beauty and social status. You'll witness the intricate rituals and beliefs surrounding this controversial practice, and gain a deep understanding of its impact on Chinese history and gender dynamics.

The Search for Beauty at a Price

Foot binding was a complex phenomenon that intertwined aesthetics, social hierarchy, and personal identity. Reid explores the reasons why

Chinese women willingly subjected themselves to this painful procedure, revealing the allure of tiny feet as a symbol of beauty, refinement, and eroticism. He also traces the evolution of foot binding practices over several centuries, shedding light on its regional variations and changing social meanings.

The Impact on Women and Society

Beyond its physical implications, foot binding had profound psychological and social consequences. Reid examines how this practice affected women's mobility, sexuality, and opportunities. He discusses the social stigma associated with unbound feet, the challenges faced by women with bound feet in daily life, and the ways in which foot binding reinforced patriarchal power structures.

Challenging Cultural Norms

As China underwent political and social transformations in the 20th century, foot binding faced increasing scrutiny and opposition. Reid chronicles the efforts of reformers, missionaries, and medical professionals to eradicate this harmful practice. He highlights the personal stories of women who defied societal expectations and broke free from the shackles of foot binding, paving the way for a new era of female empowerment.

A Masterful Work of Scholarship

Golden Lilies is a triumph of scholarship and a captivating read. John Howard Reid's meticulous research and firsthand observations provide unprecedented insights into this enigmatic cultural practice. His engaging writing style transports you into the heart of the subject, leaving you with a

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