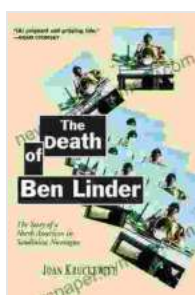


Unveiling the Tragic Tale of Idealism and Revolution: The Death of Ben Linder

Amidst the backdrop of the turbulent Nicaraguan Revolution, a young American idealist named Benjamin Linder embarked on a perilous mission to provide humanitarian aid to the war-torn nation.

The Hopeful Journey



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Born in Los Angeles in 1959, Linder was a brilliant and compassionate student with a deep concern for social justice. After graduating from the University of Washington in 1981, he traveled to Nicaragua with a group of volunteers to contribute his technical skills to the country's infrastructure.

The Escalating Conflict



Nicaragua was embroiled in a brutal civil war between the leftist Sandinista government and US-backed Contra rebels. The conflict had escalated into a full-scale proxy war, with both sides committing atrocities.

Linder's Selfless Mission

Undeterred by the violence, Linder dedicated himself to the construction of electrical power lines, believing that access to electricity would empower marginalized communities. He worked alongside local peasants, sharing their hardships and inspiring them with his tireless spirit.

Fatal Ambush



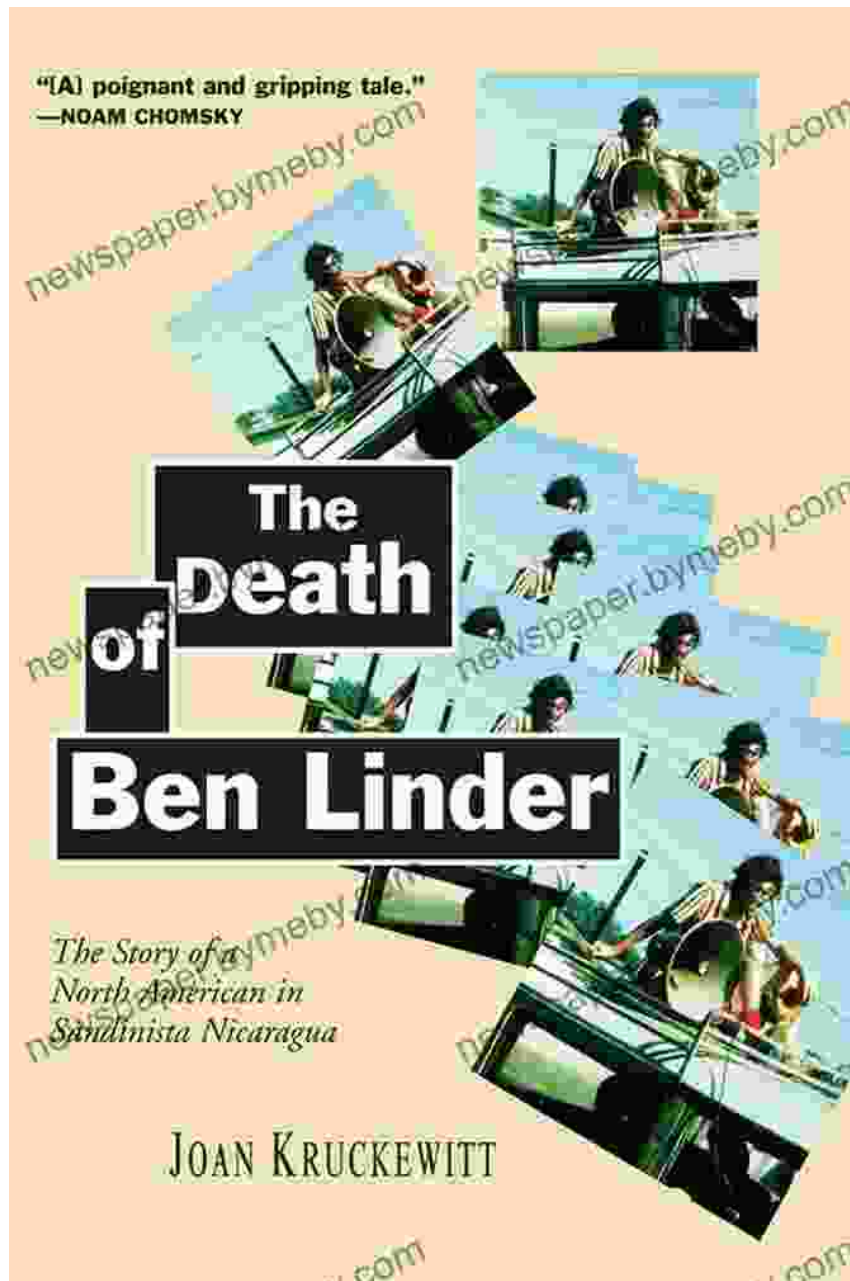
On April 21, 1987, tragedy struck. While driving in a bus on his way to a worksite, Linder's convoy was ambushed by Contra rebels. In a hail of gunfire, the bus was riddled with bullets, instantly killing Linder and several others.

Aftermath and Legacy



Linder's death sent shockwaves through both the United States and Nicaragua. He became a martyr for the revolution and a symbol of the senseless violence that plagued the country. His life and work continue to inspire activists and humanitarians worldwide.

The Book: A Harrowing Account



"The Death of Ben Linder" by American journalist Mark Ungar is a gripping and definitive account of Linder's life and tragic demise. Through meticulous research and interviews with key figures, Ungar reconstructs the events leading up to the ambush, explores the political complexities of the Nicaraguan Revolution, and examines the lasting impact of Linder's sacrifices.

Review Excerpts

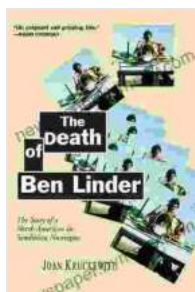


“A powerful and moving tribute to a young man who dedicated his life to making a difference.” - The New York Times Book Review



“Ungar's writing is both lyrical and unflinching, capturing the idealism and heartbreak of Ben Linder's story.” - Kirkus Reviews

Ben Linder's life and death serve as a testament to the power of human compassion in the face of adversity. "The Death of Ben Linder" is an unforgettable story that sheds light on the complexities of revolutionary struggle, the horrors of war, and the indomitable spirit of those who dare to dream of a better world.



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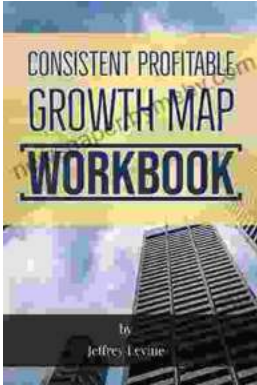
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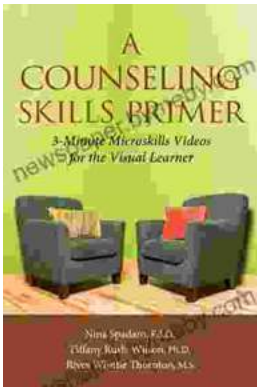
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