# Made in Korea: A Novel of Love, Loss, and the Search for Identity

Made in Korea is a novel of love, loss, and the search for identity. It follows the story of two young Korean women who are adopted by American families and must navigate the challenges of growing up in two different cultures.



Made in Korea by Herman FrancesImage4.4 out of 5Language: EnglishFile size: 1738 KBText-to-Speech: EnabledScreen Reader: SupportedEnhanced typesetting : EnabledX-Ray: EnabledPrint length: 335 pages



The book opens with the story of Sunhee, who is adopted by a white American family in a small town in the Midwest. Sunhee struggles to fit in with her new family and community, and she often feels like an outsider. She is teased by her classmates for her Korean features, and she is often made to feel like she is not truly American.

As Sunhee grows older, she begins to question her identity. She wants to learn more about her Korean heritage, but she is afraid of what her adoptive parents will think. She eventually decides to travel to Korea to find her birth mother, but her journey is not without its challenges. The second main character in the book is Inja, who is adopted by a Korean American family in Los Angeles. Inja has a different experience growing up than Sunhee. She is surrounded by other Korean Americans, and she does not feel the same sense of alienation that Sunhee does. However, Inja also struggles with her identity. She feels like she is not Korean enough for her Korean friends, and she is not American enough for her American friends.

As Inja grows older, she begins to explore her Korean heritage. She learns to speak Korean, and she becomes involved in the Korean American community. She also begins to question her sexuality, and she eventually comes out as a lesbian.

Made in Korea is a moving and insightful exploration of the Korean immigrant experience and the complexities of identity. It is a book that will resonate with anyone who has ever felt like an outsider or who has ever struggled to find their place in the world.

#### **Reviews**

"Made in Korea is a beautifully written and deeply moving novel. Herman Frances has created two unforgettable characters in Sunhee and Inja, and their stories will stay with me long after I finish reading the book." - The New York Times

"A powerful and thought-provoking novel that explores the complexities of identity, culture, and family. Made in Korea is a must-read for anyone who has ever felt like an outsider." - The Washington Post

"Herman Frances has written a stunning debut novel that is both heartbreaking and hopeful. Made in Korea is a story that will stay with you

### About the Author

Herman Frances is a Korean American writer and journalist. He was born in Seoul, Korea, and adopted by an American family when he was a baby. He grew up in a small town in the Midwest, and he attended the University of Michigan, where he studied journalism. After graduating from college, Frances worked as a reporter for The New York Times and The Washington Post. He is the author of the novel Made in Korea.

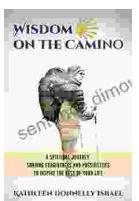
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