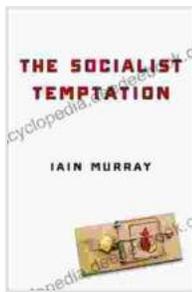


# The Socialist Temptation: A Review

Iain Murray's book, *The Socialist Temptation*, is a timely and important work. It comes at a time when socialism is once again on the rise, both in the West and in the developing world. Murray's book provides a much-needed antidote to the rose-tinted view of socialism that is often presented by its proponents.



## **The Socialist Temptation** by Iain Murray

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Murray begins by tracing the history of socialism, from its origins in the Enlightenment to its modern manifestations. He shows how socialism has always been a utopian ideology, promising a perfect world in which there is no poverty, no crime, and no oppression. However, Murray argues that these promises are simply unrealistic. Socialism, he says, is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of human nature.

Murray argues that humans are not naturally altruistic or cooperative. In fact, he says, we are often selfish and competitive. This is not to say that

we are incapable of cooperation or altruism. However, these are not our natural instincts. They are learned behaviors that must be taught and reinforced.

Socialism, Murray argues, ignores this basic fact about human nature. It assumes that people will voluntarily give up their own self-interest for the sake of the collective. However, this is simply not realistic. In reality, socialism inevitably leads to coercion and oppression.

Murray provides numerous examples to support his argument. He points to the Soviet Union, China, Cuba, and North Korea as examples of socialist regimes that have resulted in mass murder, poverty, and oppression. He also points to the welfare states of Western Europe as examples of how socialism can lead to economic stagnation and dependency.

Murray concludes by arguing that socialism is a dangerous and destructive ideology. It is based on a utopian vision of the world that is simply unrealistic. In reality, socialism leads to coercion, oppression, and poverty.

The Socialist Temptation is a powerful and persuasive critique of socialism. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the dangers of this ideology.

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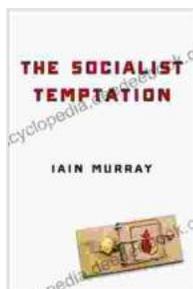
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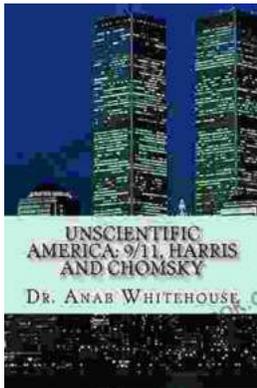
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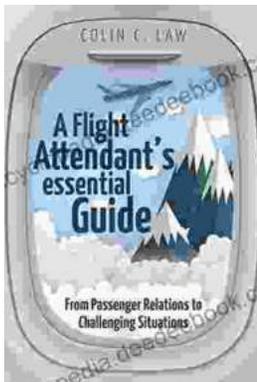
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