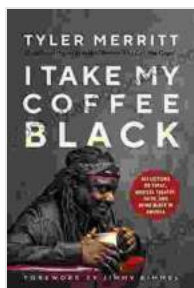


Take My Coffee Black: A Journey Through the Dark Side of Coffee

Coffee is one of the most popular beverages in the world, with billions of cups consumed each day. But behind the scenes of this global industry lies a dark side that is often hidden from consumers.



I Take My Coffee Black: Reflections on Tupac, Musical Theater, Faith, and Being Black in America by Tyler Merritt

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In his new book, *Take My Coffee Black*, journalist and coffee expert Mark Pendergrast takes readers on a journey through the dark side of coffee, exploring the hidden world of coffee production and consumption.

The Exploitation of Coffee Farmers

One of the most disturbing aspects of the coffee industry is the exploitation of coffee farmers. In many coffee-producing countries, farmers are paid poverty wages and forced to work in dangerous conditions.

Pendergrast tells the story of one coffee farmer in Guatemala who was paid just \$0.25 per pound of coffee beans. This farmer had to work 12 hours a day, seven days a week, just to earn enough money to feed his family.

The exploitation of coffee farmers is not just a moral issue, but it also has a negative impact on the quality of coffee. When farmers are paid poverty wages, they are less likely to invest in their farms and produce high-quality beans.

The Environmental Damage Caused by Coffee Cultivation

Coffee cultivation can also have a negative impact on the environment. The clearing of forests for coffee plantations can lead to deforestation, soil erosion, and water pollution.

Pendergrast describes one coffee plantation in Nicaragua that was built on land that had been cleared of rainforest. The plantation was so large that it had completely changed the local ecosystem.

The environmental damage caused by coffee cultivation is not just a local issue, but it also has a global impact. Coffee cultivation is a major contributor to climate change, and it can also lead to the loss of biodiversity.

The Hidden Costs of Our Daily Cup of Joe

The exploitation of coffee farmers and the environmental damage caused by coffee cultivation are just two of the hidden costs of our daily cup of joe.

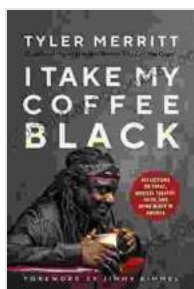
When we buy a cup of coffee, we are not just paying for the beans, but we are also paying for the exploitation of coffee farmers and the environmental

damage caused by coffee cultivation.

Pendergrast argues that it is time for us to start paying more attention to the dark side of coffee. He calls for consumers to support sustainable coffee practices and to demand better wages for coffee farmers.

Take My Coffee Black is a powerful and disturbing book that sheds light on the hidden costs of our daily cup of joe.

Pendergrast's book is a must-read for anyone who cares about coffee, sustainability, and social justice.



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