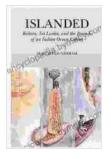
Britain, Sri Lanka, and the Bounds of an Indian Ocean Colony

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The Colonial Era

Britain first established a presence in Sri Lanka in the early 19th century. The island was a valuable strategic location for the British, as it controlled the sea routes between India and Southeast Asia. The British gradually expanded their control over Sri Lanka, and by the mid-19th century they had established a full-fledged colony. British rule in Sri Lanka had a profound impact on the island's development. The British introduced a plantation economy based on tea and rubber, which led to a massive influx of Indian labor. They also built a network of roads and railways, and they established a modern education system.

The Rise of Nationalism

Sri Lankan nationalism began to emerge in the late 19th century. Sri Lankan intellectuals were inspired by the nationalist movements in India and other parts of Asia. They began to organize and demand more autonomy from the British.

In 1948, Sri Lanka gained independence from Britain. The new nation faced a number of challenges, including ethnic conflict and economic inequality. However, Sri Lanka has made significant progress in recent years, and it is now a vibrant and prosperous democracy.

The Indian Ocean Region

Sri Lanka is located in the heart of the Indian Ocean region. This region has been a crossroads of trade and culture for centuries. The Indian Ocean has played a major role in shaping Sri Lanka's history, and it continues to be an important factor in the island's development.

This book explores the complex relationship between Britain, Sri Lanka, and the Indian Ocean region. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of colonialism, nationalism, and the Indian Ocean region.

Reviews

"This book is a major contribution to the study of British colonialism in the Indian Ocean region. It is a well-written and informative work that will be of interest to scholars and students alike." - Professor David Cannadine, Princeton University

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