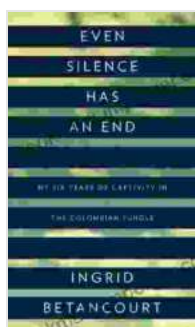


# My Six Years of Captivity in the Colombian Jungle: A Harrowing Tale of Survival and Resilience

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## Even Silence Has an End: My Six Years of Captivity in the Colombian Jungle by Ingrid Betancourt

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Her captors, members of the FARC's Eastern Bloc, were a ruthless and violent group. They subjected Betancourt and the other hostages to a regime of physical and psychological torture, including beatings, starvation, and isolation. Despite the unimaginable hardships she faced, Betancourt never gave up hope.

She used her time in captivity to learn about her captors, their motivations, and their lives. She also found solace in writing, keeping a secret diary in

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### **Excerpt from "Even Silence Has an End"**

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"One day, after I had been held captive for three years, I was taken to a clearing in the jungle. I was told that I was going to be executed. I was terrified, but I refused to show my captors any fear. I stood tall and looked them in the eye. I told them that I would not die, that I would escape and tell the world about their crimes."

"My captors were surprised by my defiance. They had never expected me to stand up to them. They hesitated for a moment, and then they led me back to my prison. I knew that I had taken a risk, but I also knew that I had to do something to keep my hope alive."

"I continued to resist my captors in every way I could. I refused to cooperate with them, and I constantly tried to escape. My captors grew increasingly frustrated with me, but they never gave up trying to break me. They continued to torture me, but I never gave in."

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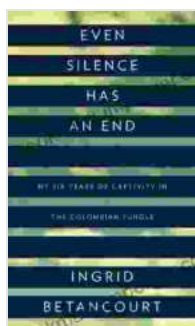
## **About the Author**

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In 2002, Betancourt was kidnapped by the FARC while campaigning for the presidency. She was held captive for six years, during which time she was subjected to a regime of physical and psychological torture.

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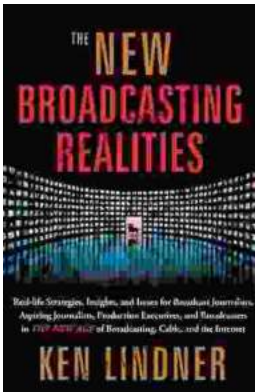
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