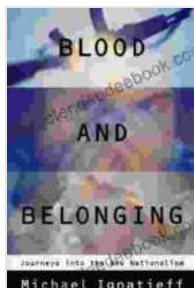


# Blood and Belonging: Journeys Into the New Nationalism



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**Nationalism** by Michael Ignatieff

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Nationalism is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that has played a significant role in shaping the course of human history. Over the centuries, it has inspired both great achievements and terrible atrocities. In recent years, we have witnessed a resurgence of nationalist sentiment around the world, leading to a wave of political and social upheaval.

In "Blood and Belonging: Journeys Into the New Nationalism," acclaimed historian Michael Ignatieff sets out to explore the rise of nationalism and its impact on contemporary society. Drawing on his own personal experiences as well as the latest scholarship, Ignatieff provides a nuanced and insightful account of this powerful force.

Ignatieff begins by examining the historical roots of nationalism. He traces the concept back to the Enlightenment, when thinkers began to emphasize

the importance of individual liberty and self-determination. In the 19th century, nationalism became a powerful force for social and political change, leading to the creation of nation-states across Europe and the Americas.

However, nationalism also has a dark side. It can be used to justify violence, discrimination, and oppression. In the 20th century, nationalism played a central role in the rise of fascism and Nazism, leading to the deaths of millions of people.

Today, nationalism is once again on the rise. In Europe, right-wing nationalist parties are gaining ground, and in the United States, Donald Trump has tapped into a deep vein of nationalist sentiment. Ignatieff argues that this resurgence of nationalism is a reaction to the forces of globalization, which have created feelings of economic insecurity and cultural displacement.

Ignatieff concludes by arguing that we need to find a way to balance the positive and negative aspects of nationalism. We must recognize the importance of national identity and belonging, but we must also be vigilant against the dangers of extremism and intolerance.

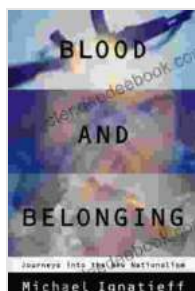
"Blood and Belonging" is a timely and important book that offers a much-needed perspective on the rise of nationalism in the 21st century. Ignatieff's insights are essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the forces that are shaping our world.

## **Reviews**

"A brilliant and urgent book. Ignatieff has written the definitive work on nationalism in our time." - **Anne Applebaum, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Gulag"**

"A masterpiece. Ignatieff's analysis is incisive, his prose is elegant, and his insights are profound." - **Timothy Garton Ash, author of "The Magic Lantern"**

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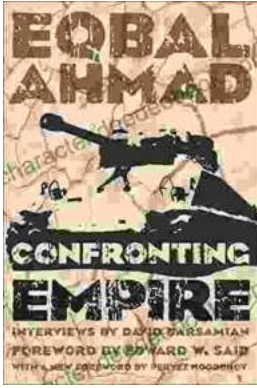


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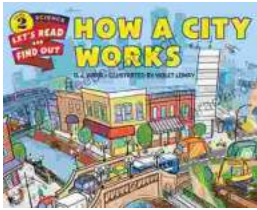
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