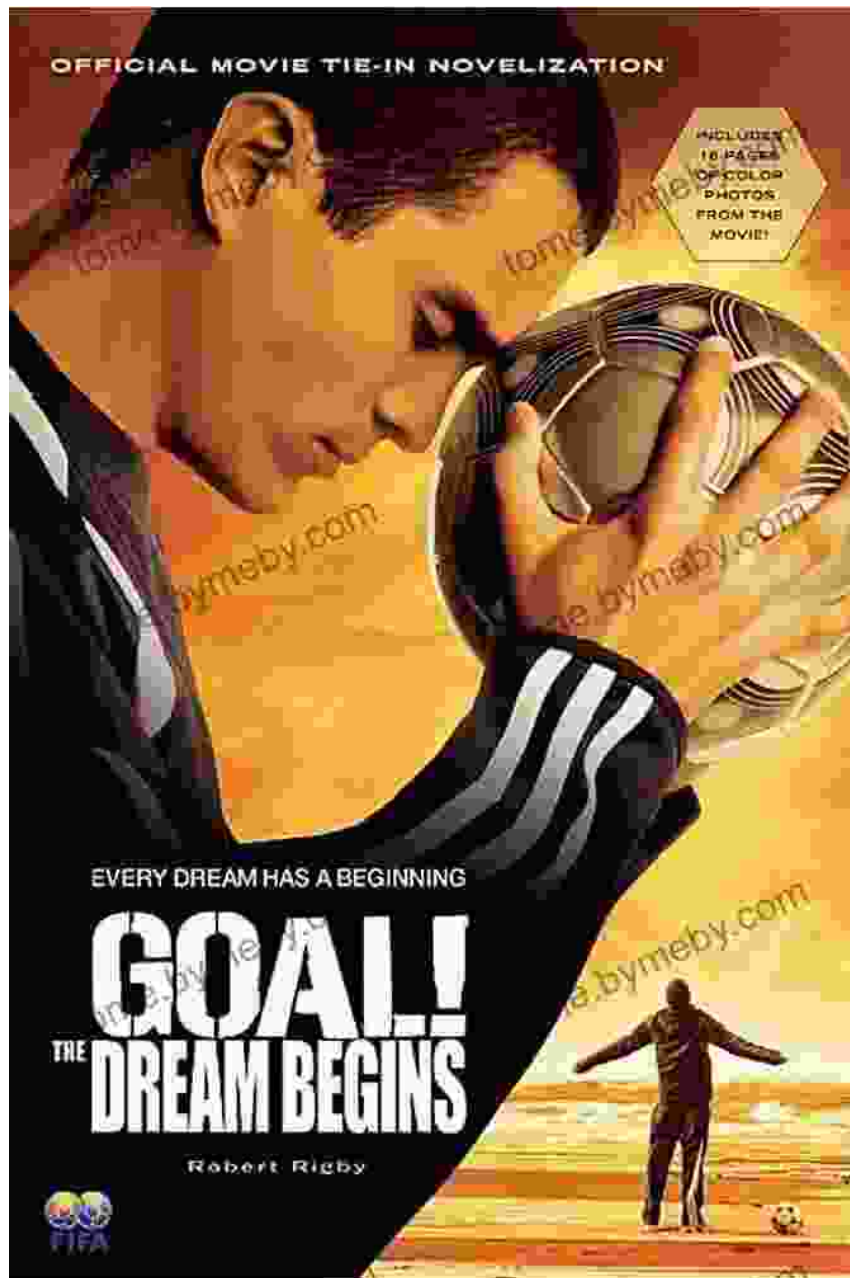


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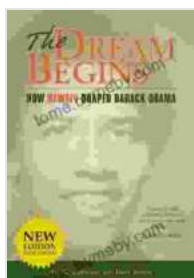


**By David Maraniss**

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book that offers a unique perspective on Obama's formative years and the role that Hawaii played in shaping his worldview.

Maraniss, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, spent years researching and writing *The Dream Begins*. He interviewed Obama, his family, friends, and colleagues, and he pored over Obama's personal papers and speeches. The result is a book that is both intimate and authoritative.



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by Stu Glauber

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Maraniss begins by describing Obama's childhood in Hawaii. Obama was born in Honolulu in 1961, and he spent his early years in a small apartment with his mother and grandparents. His father, a Kenyan economist, was absent from his life. Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, was a white woman from Kansas. She was a free spirit who loved to travel and explore new ideas. She instilled in Obama a love of learning and a sense of adventure.

In 1967, Obama's mother remarried, and the family moved to Indonesia. Obama spent the next four years in Jakarta, where he attended a Catholic

school and learned to speak Indonesian. He also developed a close relationship with his stepfather, Lolo Soetoro. Lolo was a Muslim, and he taught Obama about the importance of tolerance and understanding.

In 1971, Obama returned to Hawaii to live with his grandparents. He attended Punahou School, a prestigious private school in Honolulu. Obama was a good student, and he excelled in basketball and track. He also developed a strong interest in politics. In 1979, Obama graduated from Punahou and enrolled at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Obama's years at Occidental were a time of great change and growth. He began to explore his own identity, and he became more involved in politics. He also met Michelle Robinson, who would later become his wife. In 1981, Obama transferred to Columbia University in New York City. He graduated from Columbia in 1983, and he then moved to Chicago to work as a community organizer.

Obama's experiences in Hawaii had a profound impact on his life. He learned the importance of tolerance, understanding, and compassion. He also developed a strong sense of social justice and a commitment to public service. These values would later guide him throughout his career.

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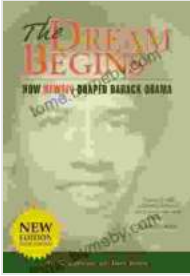
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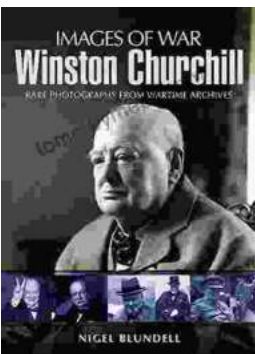


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