# Singapore Singapura: From Miracle to Complacency



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### A Must-Read for Every Singaporean

Singapore Singapura: From Miracle to Complacency is a must-read for every Singaporean who wants to understand the nation's past, present, and future. This book provides a comprehensive analysis of Singapore's history, economy, politics, and society, and it offers a clear-eyed assessment of the challenges and opportunities facing the country today.

Author Kishore Mahbubani is one of the world's leading experts on Singapore. He has served as Singapore's ambassador to the United Nations and the United States, and he is currently a professor at the National University of Singapore. In Singapore Singapura, Mahbubani draws on his deep knowledge of the country to provide a unique and insightful perspective on its development.

The book begins with a brief history of Singapore, from its founding as a British trading post in 1819 to its independence in 1965. Mahbubani then examines Singapore's economic development, which has been nothing short of miraculous. In just a few decades, Singapore has transformed itself from a poor, third-world country into one of the richest and most prosperous nations in the world.

However, Mahbubani argues that Singapore's economic success has come at a price. He points to the country's growing income inequality, its high cost of living, and its lack of affordable housing. He also warns that Singapore is becoming increasingly complacent, and that this complacency could threaten its future prosperity.

In the final chapter of the book, Mahbubani offers a number of recommendations for how Singapore can address the challenges it faces. He calls for the government to invest in education and infrastructure, to reduce income inequality, and to make housing more affordable. He also argues that Singapore needs to become more open to immigration and to embrace diversity.

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#### **About the Author**

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#### **Reviews**

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- Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore

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