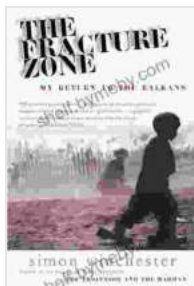


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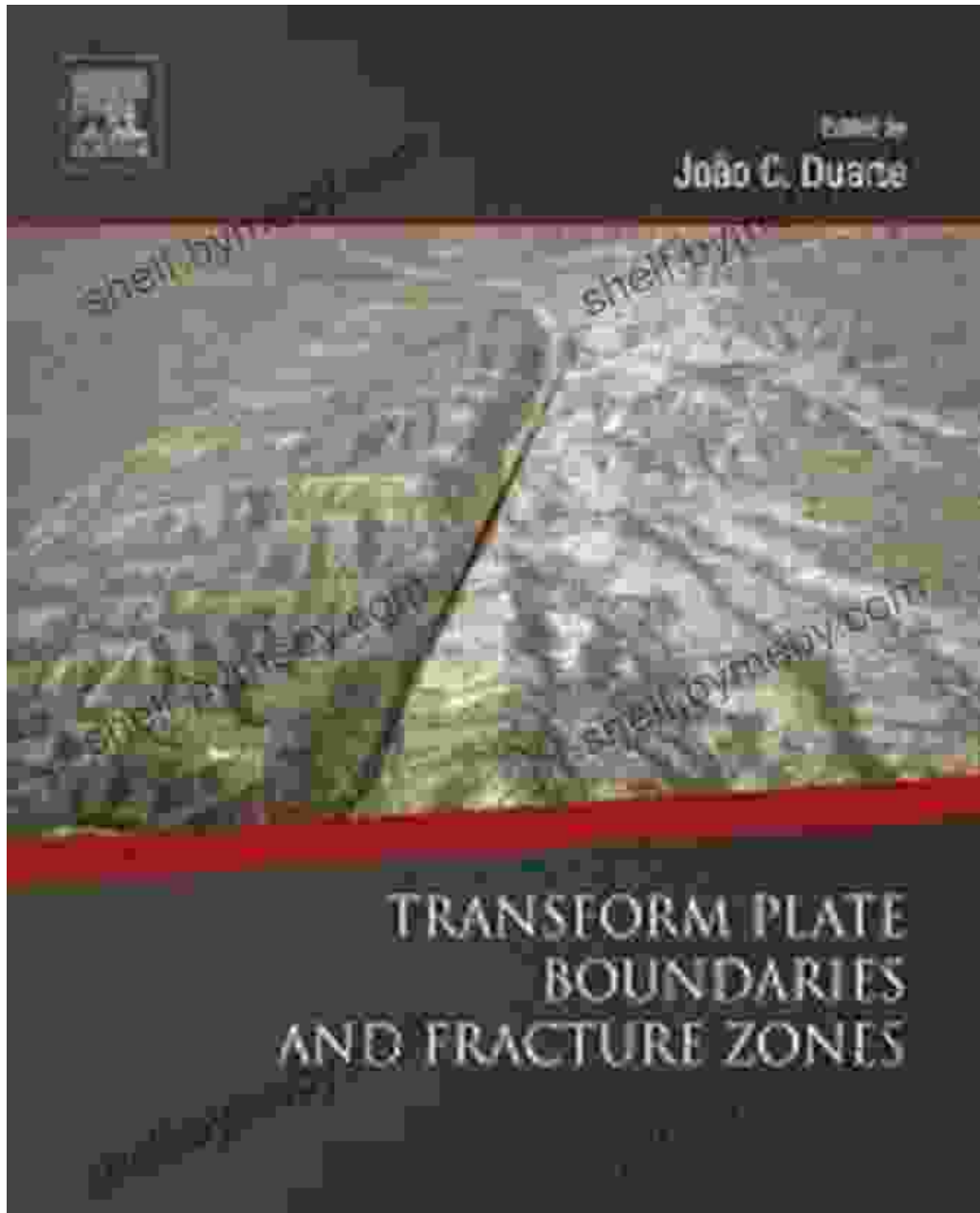
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Hemon was born in Sarajevo in 1964, and his childhood was marked by the ethnic and political tensions that would eventually lead to the Bosnian War. In 1992, Hemon fled Sarajevo with his family and eventually settled in the United States. In *The Fracture Zone*, he returns to the Balkans for the first time in over two decades, and he finds a region that is still struggling to come to terms with its past.

Hemon's journey takes him through Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, and Montenegro, and he encounters a wide range of people, from war veterans to survivors of ethnic cleansing. He also visits the sites of some of the most notorious atrocities of the war, including the Srebrenica massacre. Through these encounters, Hemon grapples with the complexities of war and its aftermath, and he explores the ways in which the past continues to shape the present.

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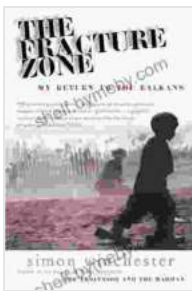
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"Hemon's memoir is a searing and unforgettable account of the Bosnian War. It is a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and the resilience of the human spirit." — ***The New York Times***

About the Author

Aleksandar Hemon is the author of seven novels, including *The Lazarus Project*, *The Book of My Lives*, and *Nowhere Man*. He is also the author of two collections of short stories, *Love and Obstacles* and *The Question of Bruno*. Hemon's work has been translated into more than twenty languages and has won numerous awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award, the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for First Nonfiction, and the Whiting Award. He is a professor of creative writing at Princeton University.



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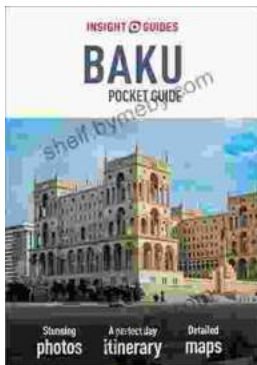
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