

# From Pyongyang to Holmes County: My Incredible Journey Through Contrasting Cultures

Welcome to a captivating tale of a journey that takes you from the heart of North Korea to the serene landscapes of Holmes County, Ohio. Join me as I unravel the stark contrasts between these two vastly different cultures and share the remarkable experiences that unfolded along the way.

## The Forbidden City of Pyongyang

Our expedition commences in Pyongyang, the mysterious capital of North Korea. Step into a realm untouched by modern influences, where ornate palaces and ancient temples stand as the testimony of a nation's rich history. Immerse yourself in the imposing grandeur of the Forbidden City, where emperors once ruled with an iron fist. Marvel at the stunning architecture and intricate designs that transport you back in time.

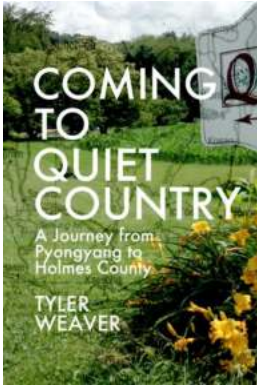
## A Glimpse of Everyday Life

As we delve deeper into Pyongyang's bustling streets, we encounter local residents going about their daily routines. Despite the strict regime, the warmth and curiosity of the people shine through. Stop by a traditional market and witness the vibrant trade in action. Engage in conversations with locals, eager to share their stories and learn about the outside world.

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## North Korea's Cultural Gems

Venture beyond Pyongyang's borders and you'll discover breathtaking landscapes that have remained hidden from the world. From the majestic Mount Kumgang to the serene beauty of Lake Chon, each destination offers a glimpse into North Korea's natural wonders. Engage in traditional activities such as taekwondo demonstrations or join locals in an authentic North Korean feast, complete with mouthwatering delicacies.

## Transitioning to Holmes County

Leaving behind the tightly controlled borders of North Korea, our journey takes an unexpected turn as we arrive in Holmes County, Ohio. Located in the heart of Amish Country, this picturesque region offers a stark contrast to the world we left behind. Embrace a simpler way of life as we immerse ourselves in the unique traditions and customs of the Amish community.

## The Amish Culture Unveiled

Amish Country welcomes visitors with open arms, inviting them to witness the customs and practices that define this close-knit community. Marvel at the sight of horse-drawn buggies meandering through the countryside, as farmers in

traditional attire cultivate their lands. Explore the charming villages, filled with quaint shops offering handcrafted items, from furniture to mouthwatering homemade treats.

## **Discovering Hidden Gems**

Holmes County also boasts awe-inspiring natural beauty. Embark on scenic drives through rolling hills and farmlands, relishing the tranquility that envelops you. Visit the stunning Miller Family Farm, where you can witness the milking process, try your hand at butter-churning, and even take a buggy ride through the picturesque landscapes.

## **The Epitome of Contrasts**

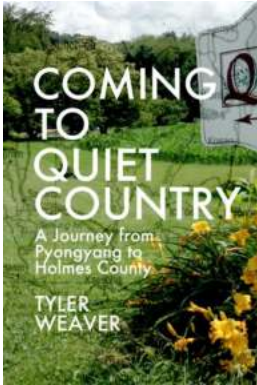
As our journey comes to an end, the stark contrasts between Pyongyang and Holmes County resonate deeply. From the imposing structures of the Forbidden City to the simplicity of Amish living, these two worlds seem worlds apart. Yet, beneath the surface, parallels can be drawn – a profound sense of community, unwavering dedication to tradition, and the fervent pursuit of a meaningful existence.

Embarking on a journey from Pyongyang to Holmes County is an adventure that encompasses more than just geographical distances. It represents an exploration of contrasting cultures, offering valuable insights into the human experience. So pack your bags and get ready for a life-changing voyage – one that will leave you forever inspired and humbled by the extraordinary diversity found within our world.

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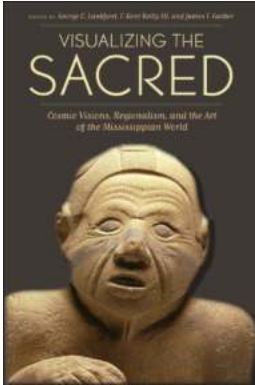
On a frigid December morning in 1950, Cho Nae-Shin and her sister came home from church in Pyongyang. When they came through the door, their mother told them to pack their bags and go. They thought that they would get to come home in a few days.

From war-torn Pyongyang across the 38th Parallel to Seoul, to the refugee camp on Jeju Island and the Military Hospital in Busan, to Tokyo and finally to Holmes County, Ohio, **COMING TO QUIET COUNTRY** follows Nae-Shin and her family's journey across a countryside ravaged by war and plagued by unthinkable danger to their freedom from an oppressive nightmare that millions still face.

**COMING TO QUIET COUNTRY** is a powerful true story of determination, of the tragedies and miracles that shape the bonds of family and the power of the simplest gesture of all: listening.

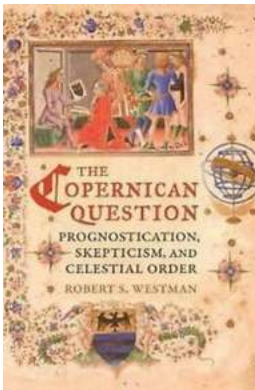
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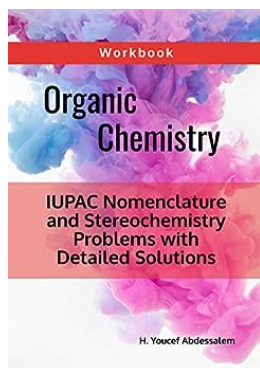
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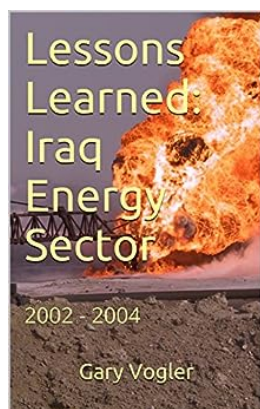
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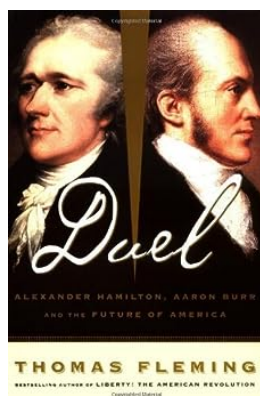
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