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"A compelling and frightening account of a young democracy betrayed by corruption and Islamic extremism -- the Maldives may be a small country, but JJ Robinson's book has lessons that need to be learned worldwide." -- Mark Lynas, climate advisor to former President Nasheed

"JJ Robinson has produced the definitive book on a country few outsiders come to grips with. It is lucid, free of spin, very humorous, yet also chilling. Robinson lays bare the dark side of the Maldives -- public floggings, violent nationalism, sexual hypocrisy, the shameless use of Islam for political ends and a politically manipulated judiciary. And his outlook is bleak: he believes the future of electoral democracy is dead and misses his young colleague, abducted and still missing. Yet he also shows affection for the country and his Maldivian friends and admiration for some heroic figures who show that there can be a better way." - Charles Haviland, former BBC correspondent for Sri Lanka and the Maldives

"An excellent, highly readable and deeply revealing account of the struggle against tyranny in the Maldives. JJ Robinson's honest and good humoured portrayal of the Maldivians' push for democracy reads beautifully as a travel book -- a must to read for any visitor." -- Abbas Faiz, Amnesty International

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