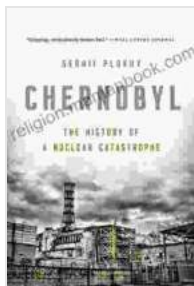


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The disaster began during a safety test at the plant, when a sudden power surge caused a reactor to overheat. The reactor exploded, releasing a massive amount of radioactive material into the atmosphere. The radioactive cloud spread across Europe, contaminating food and water supplies and causing widespread health problems.



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The Causes of the Chernobyl Disaster

The Chernobyl disaster was caused by a combination of factors, including:

- **Design flaws in the reactor:** The RBMK-1000 reactor used at Chernobyl was known to have design flaws that made it susceptible to overheating.
- **Inadequate safety procedures:** The safety procedures in place at Chernobyl were inadequate to prevent the accident.
- **Human error:** The operators of the reactor made several errors that contributed to the accident.

The Impact of the Chernobyl Disaster

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The Legacy of Chernobyl

The Chernobyl disaster is a reminder of the dangers of nuclear power. The disaster has had a profound impact on the lives of millions, and its legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come.

The Chernobyl disaster has also led to a number of important lessons about nuclear safety. The disaster has shown that it is essential to have robust safety regulations in place, and that nuclear power plants must be operated by trained and experienced personnel.

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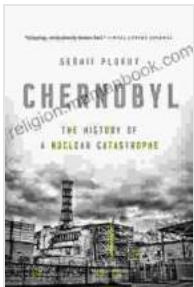
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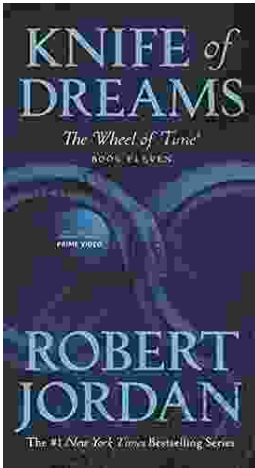
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