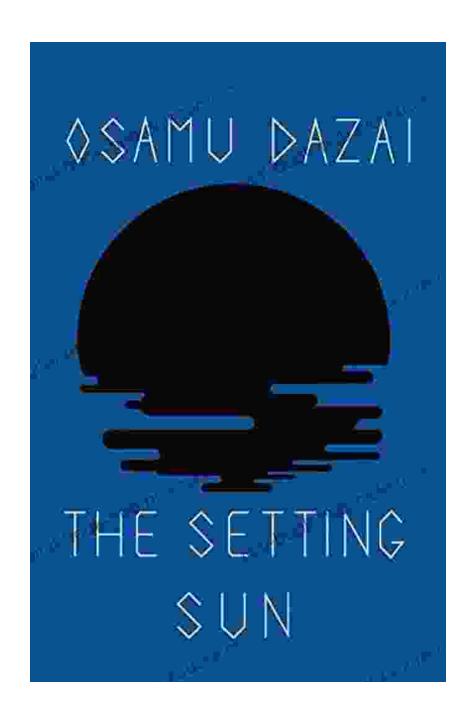
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#### **About the Book**

Yukichi, a young Communist, is drawn into a passionate love affair with a beautiful but fragile woman, Oyoshi. Their relationship is doomed from the start, and Yukichi is left devastated when she dies by suicide. In his grief, he gives up on politics and becomes a wanderer, drifting through life without purpose.

Years later, Yukichi meets a young woman named Hana who bears a striking resemblance to Oyoshi. He falls in love with her, but his past experiences haunt him. He cannot escape the memory of Oyoshi, and he is afraid of being hurt again.

The Sun King is a powerful and moving novel about love, loss, and redemption. Dazai Osamu's lyrical prose and keen psychological insights create a haunting and unforgettable story.

#### **About the Author**

Dazai Osamu (1909-1948) was one of the most important Japanese writers of the twentieth century. He was a prolific writer, producing novels, short stories, essays, and plays. His work is often characterized by its dark and pessimistic themes, but it also contains elements of humor and hope.

Dazai Osamu's most famous works include *No Longer Human*, *The Setting Sun*, and *Good-bye*. His work has been translated into more than thirty languages and has been adapted into several films and television dramas.

#### **About the Translator**

Donald Keene (1922-2019) was one of the most distinguished American scholars of Japanese literature. He was a professor at Columbia University for many years and translated more than fifty works of Japanese literature into English.

Keene's translations are known for their accuracy and clarity. He was also a gifted writer, and his prefaces and s to Japanese literature are illuminating and insightful.

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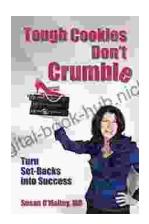


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