

A superb chronicle of our time

The Power of Paradise

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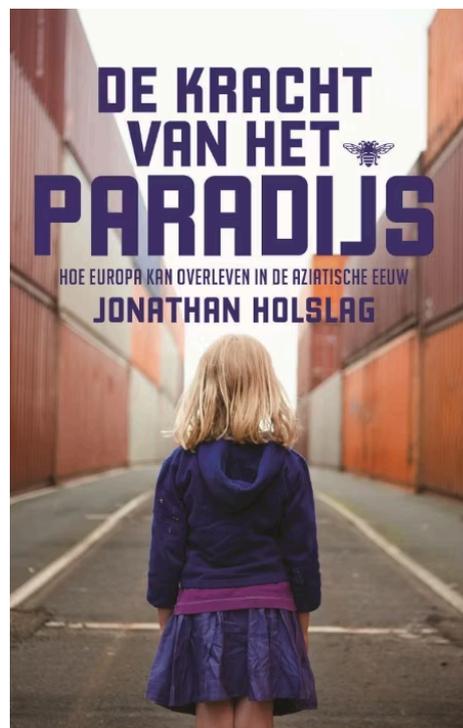
We, as Europeans, feel as if the future passes right by us. The crisis rages over our continent like a storm and dismantles all our certainties. Are the fundamentals of Europe crumbling? And do we actually understand what is going on? One thing is obvious, the twenty-first century will be an Asian century.

Provocative and elegant, visionary and stylish. This European dares to tell the hard truths.

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Yet, there is no reason to assume that Asia's rise will be fundamentally different from Europe's nasty and turbulent past. In *The Power of Paradise*, Jonathan Holslag overwhelmingly describes the post-War economic, societal and cultural history of Europe. It is an epic story about our urge for prosperity and the way in which we've lost track.

Holslag is a superb chronicler of his time. He enriches his sharp and disturbing analysis of our economically failing continent with the prospect of a new renaissance – if we succeed in turning things around. Deep inside Europe still lurks the power of Paradise.



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