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decline in the modern world from the time of portuguese pirates and renegade mughal princes through the decades of british colonialism the devastation of world war ii a sixty year civil war that continues today military repression and the immergence of nobel prize laureate aung san suu kyi the river of lost footsteps is a work both personal and global a distinctive contribution that makes burma accessible and enthralling than myint u is the author of where china meets india and has written articles for the new york times the washington post and the new statesman lyonel trouillot s harrowing novel depicts a night of blazing violence in modern day port au prince and recalls hundreds of years of violence stretching back even before the birth of haiti in the fires of revolution three narrators a madam a taxi driver and a post office employee describe in almost hallucinatory terms the escalating chaos of a bloody uprising that pits the partisans of the prophet against the murderous might of 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