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Benjamin Fisher : Once Upon a Time in Colombia before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Once Upon a Time in Colombia:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A really fun read. By Honest Abe I want to start by saying I stumbled upon this book by total accident but am really glad I did. The description does not do the book justice which for me

was part of what I loved about it. The author really does take you on an adventure and a full roller coaster ride of emotion. The author does not take the fact that he is in Medellin lightly and throughout the book gives the reader a glance into what the city is like modern day as well as where it came from. You also get an insiders look at the porn industry and all of the hardships and perks one faces when being their own boss and building a company from the ground up. There is yet another side to the story and that is of someone in their early 20s finding out what it is to actually live your dreams and seeing how much you're willing to sacrifice to make your dreams come true. We have all been the Main character at one point or another in our lives or at least have him somewhere inside of us and try to keep it hidden. Overall it was great read, I couldn't put down. It was a great travel companion on my last business trip. I highly recommend this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "Don't ever question my judgment again" - Sorry, but I will, forever, after this book. By Seb This was a truly awful book. The subject itself - Benjamin Fisher creating an online cam business in Medellin - was the hook. However, it was a bait and switch, as most of the story is superficial drivel where Benjamin drives around town whining about how crazy his life has become. There's one part that's supposed to show how "badass" Benjamin is where he tells his employee, "Don't ever question my judgment again," over his decision to not let one of the cam girls walk around in a skimpy outfit to distract other employees. Benjamin throughout the story comes across as inauthentic, and you can't help but feel that he's a totally different person than how he portrayed himself in this book. He's either a much nicer guy or a much meaner guy. Either way, I wanted a look at the real him and not this douchey portrayal of a superficial entrepreneur in Medellin. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Captivating Story By alejandro lopez This is simply an amazing book. As a native of Medellin, Colombia, I could not help being taken back home by Fisher's vivid and captivating writing style. The story is full of contrasts, adventure, insights, and history all fused into a great read. On top of all that, I found the book to be motivational from an entrepreneurial point of view, and I really liked the fact that it is based on a true story. It takes a lot of guts to embark on a journey like Fisher did. I highly recommend the book, bravo Mr. Fisher.

Once Upon a Time in Colombia is inspired by the protagonist's experiences in Colombia, where as a young American college dropout/entrepreneur, he traveled in search of adventure, women and money in the flourishing adult web cam chat industry. The story follows him from a privileged upbringing in Miami to the streets of Medellin, Colombia, - providing an inside look into the neighborhoods, a rarely talked about sub-culture, and the city's violent history. But the story is an upbeat beat one, dare I say, even a love story between a boy and a city. It is also a coming of age tale, a callous youth growing up in a rapidly changing landscape fraught with challenges and dangers, which he must overcome. The protagonist continues to return to Medellin, a symbol as much as something tangible of rebellion against society, a place where he did not have to go to college, wear a suit, and be proper to be successful. In the end, sometimes happiness is a lot closer than we think. The story is poetic, almost rhythmical, the play on words from English to Spanish, and even just those in English will amuse the most inattentive readers. As the story evolves, so do the characters, and the reader gets a glimpse into life in the South American Billion Dollar Web Cam Industry, seeing it from the side of the women in the films, their families, the managers, attorneys, and others involved in the business.