During two terrifying days and nights in early September 1941, the lives of nearly two thousand men, women, and children were taken savagely by their neighbors in Kulen Vakuf, a small rural community straddling today’s border between northwest Bosnia and Croatia. In his prize-winning book, Max Bergholz tells the story of the sudden and perplexing descent of this once peaceful multiethnic community into extreme violence.

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