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are certain dangers guarded against and others relegated to secondary

status? This book explores how we decide what risks to take and which to ignore, both as individuals and as a culture.