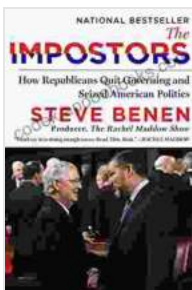


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House. These developments led to a new era of partisan warfare, in which compromise and bipartisanship were replaced by obstruction and ideological purity.

Mann traces the GOP's descent into partisanship through a series of case studies, including the Clinton impeachment, the George W. Bush administration, and the Obama presidency. He shows how the GOP has used these events to mobilize its base and demonize its opponents. This strategy has been successful in winning elections, but it has come at a great cost to the country.

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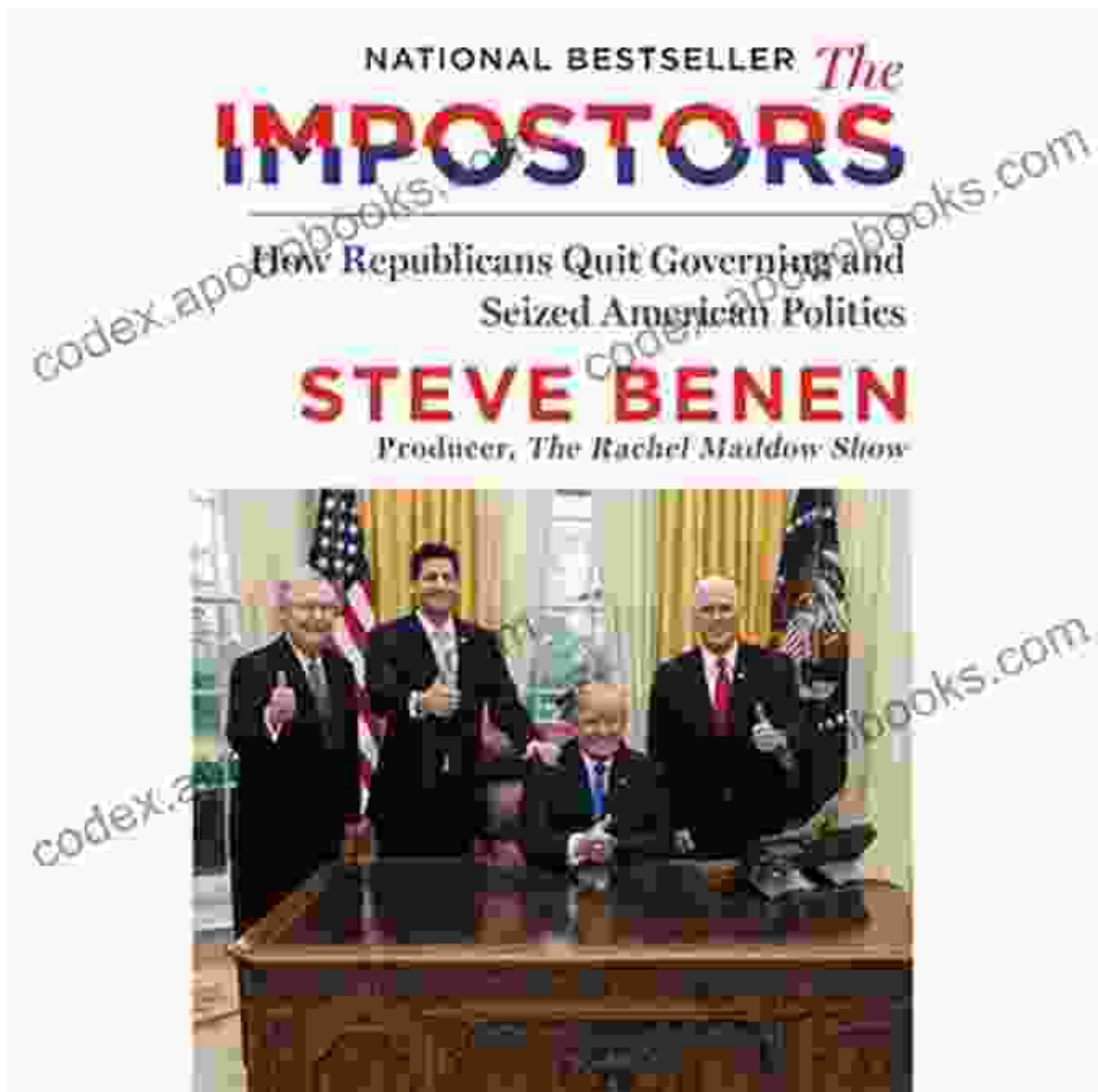
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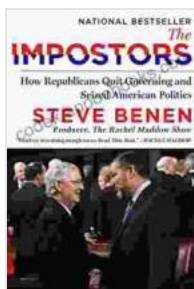
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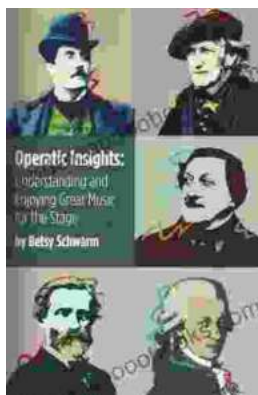
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