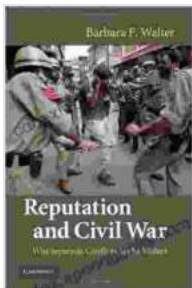


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In the annals of American history, Ulysses S. Grant stands as one of the most enigmatic and polarizing figures. As the Union general who led the North to victory in the Civil War, Grant's legacy has been both celebrated and contested for over a century.

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Nolan begins his book by examining Grant's early life and education. Born in Ohio in 1822, Grant was the son of a struggling tanner. He attended

West Point, but was not a particularly distinguished student. After graduating, Grant served in the Mexican-American War, where he earned a reputation for bravery and competence.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Grant was appointed a brigadier general in the Union Army. He quickly gained a reputation for his aggressive tactics and his ability to win victories against overwhelming odds. In 1863, Grant was promoted to commander of all Union forces in the West, and he led the Union to a series of decisive victories that ultimately led to the Confederacy's surrender in 1865.

After the war, Grant was elected president of the United States. He served two terms, from 1869 to 1877. During his presidency, Grant oversaw the Reconstruction of the South and the implementation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, which granted citizenship and voting rights to African Americans.

Grant's legacy has been the subject of much debate and controversy. He has been praised for his military genius and for his commitment to racial equality. However, he has also been criticized for his harsh treatment of Confederate prisoners of war and for his support of Reconstruction policies that some historians believe were too lenient towards the South.

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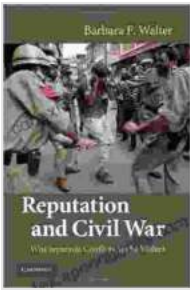
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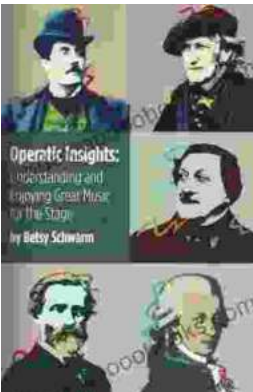
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