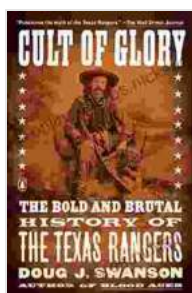


The Bold and Brutal History of the Texas Rangers

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The Early Years

The Texas Rangers were founded in 1835 as a volunteer militia to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Rangers were initially a small force, but they quickly grew in size and importance as the frontier expanded.



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The Rangers were a diverse group of men, including former soldiers, cowboys, and outlaws. They were known for their courage, toughness, and independence. The Rangers were also known for their brutality, and they were often accused of using excessive force.

The Rangers played a major role in the Texas Revolution and the Mexican-American War. They also helped to suppress the Comanche Indians and other Native American tribes.

The Reconstruction Era

After the Civil War, the Texas Rangers were reorganized as a state police force. The Rangers continued to play a vital role in law enforcement, but they also became increasingly involved in politics.

The Rangers were used to suppress African Americans and other minorities during the Reconstruction Era. The Rangers were also accused of corruption and brutality.

The 20th Century

In the early 20th century, the Texas Rangers were modernized and professionalized. The Rangers began to use new technologies, such as cars and airplanes. The Rangers also became more involved in crime prevention and investigation.

The Rangers continued to play a major role in law enforcement in Texas throughout the 20th century. They helped to suppress organized crime, drug trafficking, and other criminal activities.

The Present Day

Today, the Texas Rangers are a modern police force with a statewide jurisdiction. The Rangers are responsible for a wide range of law enforcement duties, including crime prevention, investigation, and enforcement.

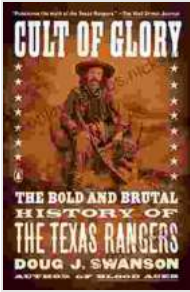
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Famous Texas Rangers

- **John Coffee Hays:** Hays was one of the most famous Texas Rangers. He fought in the Texas Revolution and the Mexican-American War. He also served as a general in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.
- **Ben McCulloch:** McCulloch was another famous Texas Ranger. He fought in the Texas Revolution and the Mexican-American War. He also served as a general in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.
- **William Barret Travis:** Travis was a Texas Ranger who died at the Battle of the Alamo. He is considered one of the heroes of Texas history.
- **Ira Aten:** Aten was a Texas Ranger who served during the 20th century. He was known for his work in crime prevention and investigation.
- **Leta Armstrong:** Armstrong was the first female Texas Ranger. She served from 1919 to 1923.

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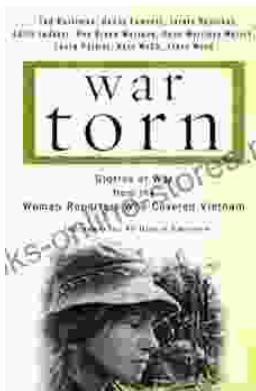


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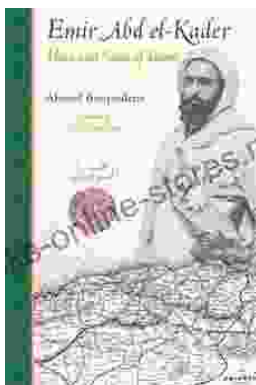
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