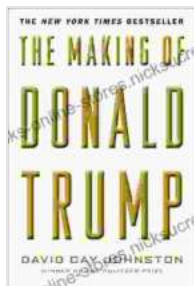


The Making of Donald Trump: A Long and Winding Road to the White House



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Donald Trump's path to the presidency was long and winding, full of twists and turns. He was born into a wealthy family in Queens, New York, and attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating, he joined his father's real estate business and quickly became a successful developer. In the 1980s and 1990s, he expanded his business empire into casinos, hotels, and other ventures.

Trump's business career was often marked by controversy. He was sued multiple times for fraud and other business practices, and he filed for bankruptcy several times. However, he also had a number of successes, and he became a well-known figure in New York City. In the early 2000s, he starred in the reality television show *The Apprentice*, which further increased his fame.

In 2015, Trump announced his candidacy for President of the United States. He ran as a Republican, and he quickly became a frontrunner in the race. His campaign was marked by controversial statements and policies, and he was often accused of racism, sexism, and xenophobia. However, he also appealed to many voters who were disillusioned with the political establishment. In the end, Trump won the Republican nomination and defeated Hillary Clinton in the general election.

Trump's presidency has been even more controversial than his campaign. He has implemented a number of policies that have been met with widespread criticism, including a travel ban on citizens from several Muslim-majority countries, a withdrawal from the Paris Agreement on climate change, and a reduction in taxes for the wealthy. He has also been accused of obstruction of justice, corruption, and abuse of power. Nevertheless, he remains popular with his base of supporters.

The Factors that Led to Trump's Victory

There are a number of factors that contributed to Trump's victory in the 2016 presidential election. These include:

- **The rise of populism:** Trump's campaign was fueled by a wave of populism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes the importance of the common people and distrust of the elite. Trump appealed to voters who felt that the political system was rigged against them and that their concerns were being ignored.
- **The decline of the Republican establishment:** The Republican Party has been in decline for several years, and Trump was able to take advantage of this by appealing to voters who were dissatisfied with the

status quo. He was also able to win over many voters who had previously supported third-party candidates.

- **The unpopularity of Hillary Clinton:** Hillary Clinton was a polarizing figure, and many voters were motivated to vote against her. Trump was able to tap into this anti-Clinton sentiment and win over many voters who would not have otherwise supported him.
- **The Electoral College:** The Electoral College is a system that awards the presidency to the candidate who wins the most electoral votes, even if they do not win the popular vote. This system benefited Trump in 2016, as he was able to win the Electoral College despite losing the popular vote by nearly 3 million votes.

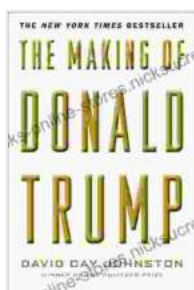
The Impact of Trump's Presidency

Trump's presidency has had a profound impact on American politics and society. He has divided the country along political, racial, and economic lines. He has also damaged the United States' standing in the world. However, he has also enacted a number of policies that have been popular with his supporters, such as tax cuts and deregulation.

It is too early to say what the long-term impact of Trump's presidency will be. However, it is clear that he has left a lasting mark on American politics. He has shown that it is possible for an outsider to win the presidency, and he has given a voice to many Americans who feel that they have been left behind by the political establishment.

Donald Trump is a complex and controversial figure. His path to the presidency was long and winding, and his presidency has been even more controversial. However, there is no doubt that he has had a profound

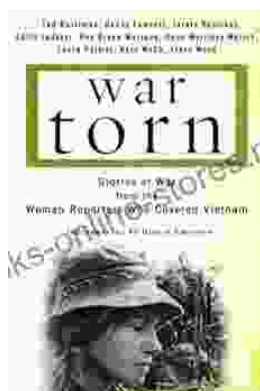
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