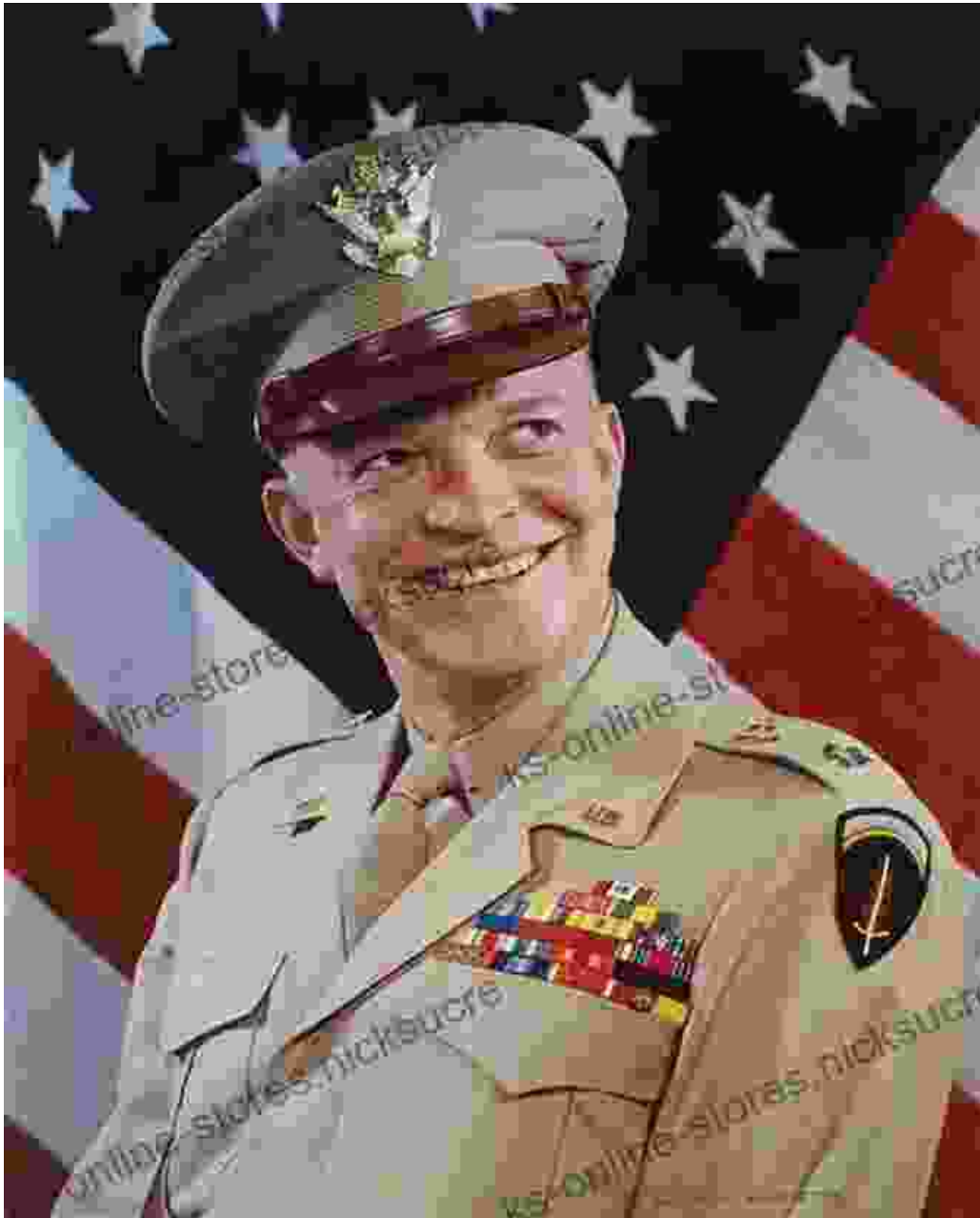


The Supreme Commander: Stephen Ambrose's Biography of Dwight D. Eisenhower



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Stephen Ambrose's biography of Dwight D. Eisenhower, *The Supreme Commander*, is a magisterial work that tells the story of one of the most important figures in American history.

Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas, in 1890. He graduated from West Point in 1915 and served in the Army for 35 years. During World War II, he commanded the Allied forces in Europe and led them to victory over Nazi Germany.

After the war, Eisenhower served as the first Supreme Commander of NATO. He was also elected president of the United States in 1952 and served two terms.

Ambrose's biography of Eisenhower is a detailed and comprehensive account of his life and career. Ambrose draws on a wide range of sources, including Eisenhower's own papers and interviews with his friends and family.

The book is divided into four parts. The first part covers Eisenhower's early life and military career. The second part focuses on his role as Supreme

Commander during World War II. The third part covers his presidency, and the fourth part discusses his later years.

Ambrose's writing is clear and engaging, and he does a masterful job of bringing Eisenhower to life. He shows us a complex and fascinating man who was both a brilliant military strategist and a compassionate leader.

The Supreme Commander is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand Dwight D. Eisenhower and his role in American history.

Eisenhower's Early Life and Military Career

Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14, 1890. He was the third of seven sons born to David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower.

Eisenhower's father was a mechanic and farmer. His mother was a devout Christian who instilled in her children a strong sense of morality and duty.

Eisenhower grew up in a small town and attended local schools. He was a good student and excelled in sports. He also developed a strong interest in military history.

In 1911, Eisenhower entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated in 1915 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Eisenhower served in various assignments in the Army, including a stint as an instructor at West Point. In 1918, he was sent to France to fight in World War I.

Eisenhower distinguished himself in combat and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He also met and married Mamie Geneva Doud, who would be his wife for the rest of his life.

Eisenhower's Role as Supreme Commander

In 1942, Eisenhower was appointed Supreme Commander of the Allied forces in Europe. This was a daunting task, as the Allies were facing a formidable enemy in Nazi Germany.

Eisenhower quickly proved to be a brilliant military strategist. He planned and executed the successful invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

In 1944, Eisenhower led the Allies to victory in the Battle of Normandy. This was a turning point in the war, and it paved the way for the eventual defeat of Germany.

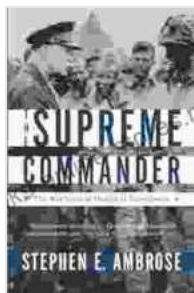
Eisenhower's leadership was essential to the Allied victory in World War II. He was a master of logistics and planning, and he was able to motivate his troops to fight against all odds.

Eisenhower's Presidency

After the war, Eisenhower served as the first Supreme Commander of NATO. He also wrote a bestselling book about his experiences in the war, titled *Crusade in Europe*.

In 1952, Eisenhower was elected president of the United States. He served two terms in office, and he presided over a period of prosperity and economic growth.

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