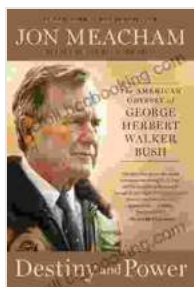


The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush

George Herbert Walker Bush was the 41st President of the United States, serving from 1989 to 1993. He was a lifelong public servant, beginning his career in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he worked in the oil industry before entering politics. He served as a U.S. Representative from Texas and as Director of Central Intelligence before being elected Vice President under Ronald Reagan in 1980. He succeeded Reagan as President in 1989.



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The Early Years

George Herbert Walker Bush was born on June 12, 1924, in Milton, Massachusetts. He was the son of Prescott Bush, a successful investment banker, and Dorothy Walker Bush. Bush had two older brothers, Prescott Jr. and Jonathan, and a younger sister, Nancy.

Bush's family was prominent in New England society. His grandfather, Samuel Prescott Bush, was a wealthy businessman and politician who served as a U.S. Senator from Connecticut. Bush's father was also a successful businessman. He served as a director of the Union Pacific Railroad and the IBM Corporation.

Bush grew up in a comfortable home in Greenwich, Connecticut. He attended the prestigious Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and Yale University. At Yale, Bush was a member of the Skull and Bones secret society. He graduated from Yale in 1948 with a degree in economics.

World War II

After graduating from Yale, Bush joined the U.S. Navy. He served as a pilot in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Bush flew 58 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Bush's experiences in the war had a profound impact on him. He saw firsthand the horrors of war and the importance of freedom and democracy. These experiences helped to shape his worldview and his commitment to public service.

The Oil Industry

After the war, Bush returned to the United States and worked in the oil industry. He moved to Texas in 1948 and founded Zapata Petroleum Corporation. Bush built Zapata into a successful oil company, and he became a millionaire by the age of 40.

Bush's success in the oil industry gave him the financial independence to pursue a career in politics. He entered politics in 1964, when he ran for the U.S. Senate from Texas. Bush lost the election, but he gained a statewide following.

Politics

Bush was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966. He served in the House for six years, and he quickly rose through the ranks of the Republican Party. In 1974, Bush was appointed Director of Central Intelligence by President Gerald Ford. He served in this position for two years, and he oversaw the CIA's operations during the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, Bush was elected Vice President under President Ronald Reagan. He served as Vice President for eight years, and he played a key role in

Reagan's administration. Bush was responsible for overseeing the administration's domestic policy agenda, and he also played a key role in foreign policy.

The Presidency

Bush was elected President in 1988. He defeated Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis in a landslide electoral victory. Bush's presidency was marked by a number of significant events, including the end of the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War, and the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also oversaw the largest tax increase in American history.

Bush's presidency was a time of great change and upheaval. The end of the Cold War led to the collapse of the Soviet Union and the emergence of a new world Free Download. The Persian Gulf War was a major military conflict that resulted in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi occupation. The Americans with Disabilities Act was a landmark piece of legislation that prohibited discrimination against people with disabilities.

Bush's presidency was also marked by a number of controversies. He was criticized for his handling of the economy, which was in recession during his first year in office. He was also criticized for his decision to raise taxes, which broke a campaign promise. Despite these controversies, Bush left office with high approval ratings.

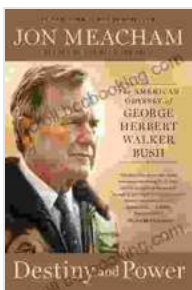
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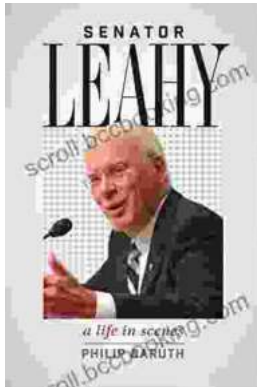


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