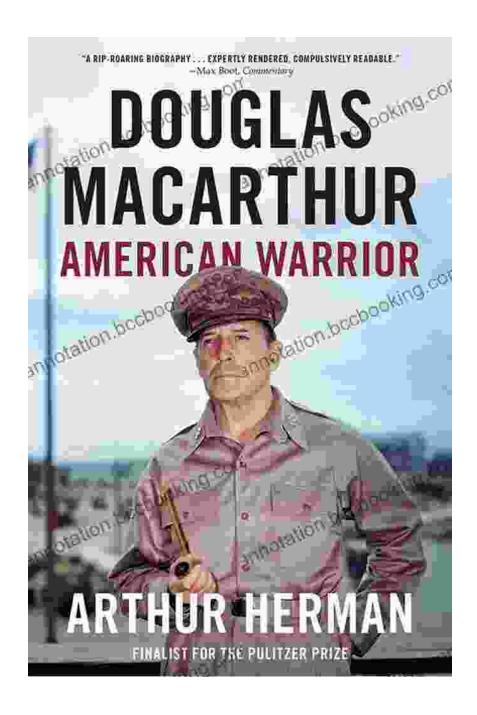
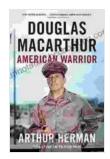
# Douglas MacArthur: The American Warrior Who Shaped the 20th Century



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#### **Early Life and Career**

Douglas MacArthur was born on January 26, 1880, in Little Rock, Arkansas. His father was a general in the United States Army, and his mother was the daughter of a Confederate general. MacArthur grew up in a military family, and he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point.

After graduating from West Point, MacArthur served in the Philippines, where he fought against the Filipino insurgents. He also served in World War I, where he commanded the 42nd Infantry Division.

#### **World War II**

MacArthur played a major role in World War II. He was the commander of the Allied forces in the Pacific, and he led the successful campaign against Japan. MacArthur was also the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan after the war.

MacArthur's leadership during World War II was controversial. He was criticized for his decision to invade the Philippines, which resulted in heavy casualties. However, he was also praised for his brilliant leadership during the Battle of Guadalcanal and the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

#### Korean War

After World War II, MacArthur was appointed as the commander of the United Nations forces in the Korean War. He led the successful invasion of Inchon, which turned the tide of the war in favor of the United Nations.

However, MacArthur's decision to pursue the Chinese across the Yalu River led to a major defeat for the United Nations. MacArthur was fired by President Truman, and he returned to the United States in disgrace.

#### Legacy

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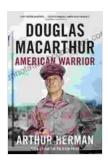
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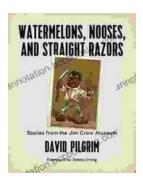
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