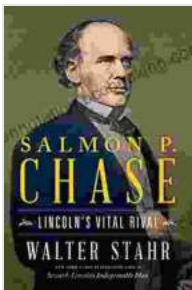


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Chase was born in Cornish, New Hampshire, on January 13, 1808. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1826 and then studied law at the Litchfield Law School in Connecticut. After being admitted to the bar, Chase moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he quickly became involved in politics. He was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1841 and served as governor of Ohio from 1855 to 1859.

In 1860, Chase was one of the leading candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. However, he lost the nomination to Lincoln. Chase was disappointed, but he agreed to serve as Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury. As Secretary of the Treasury, Chase played a key role in financing the Civil War effort. He also helped to establish the national banking system.

After the war, Chase served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 1864 to 1873. During his tenure, he wrote several important decisions, including the decision in *Ex parte Milligan*, which limited the government's power to suspend habeas corpus during wartime.

Chase died in New York City on May 7, 1873. He is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

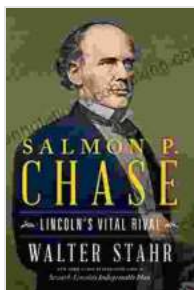
### **Chase's Relationship with Lincoln**

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Chase was a complex and controversial figure. He was a strong advocate for his beliefs, but he was also willing to compromise when necessary. He was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln, but he was also willing to criticize Lincoln's policies when he disagreed with them. Chase was a brilliant lawyer and a gifted politician, but he was also a flawed human being. He was ambitious and sometimes arrogant, and he made mistakes. But he was also a man of great passion and vision, and he played a major role in shaping the course of American history.

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