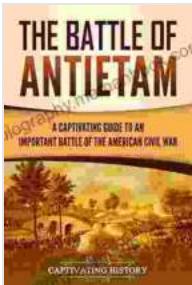


The Battle of Antietam: A Pivotal Conflict in the American Civil War



Prelude to the Battle

In September 1862, General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, invaded Maryland with the intention of threatening Washington, D.C. Union General George B. McClellan pursued Lee, and the two armies met near Sharpsburg, Maryland, on September 17, 1862.



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The Battle

The Battle of Antietam began with an early morning attack by the Union Army. The fighting was intense and bloody, with both sides suffering heavy casualties. By the end of the day, the Union Army had gained control of the battlefield, but Lee's army had escaped.

Aftermath

The Battle of Antietam was a tactical victory for the Union Army, but it was also a strategic victory. The battle convinced President Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that all slaves in Confederate territory would be free. The battle also marked the turning point of the war, as it showed that the Union Army could defeat the Confederate Army in a major battle.

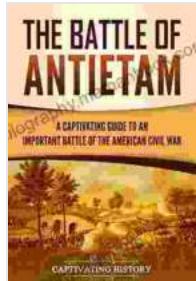
Significance

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The Battlefield Today

The Antietam National Battlefield is now a national park. The park includes the battlefield, as well as a museum and visitor center. Visitors can learn about the battle by following the self-guided tour route, or by taking a guided tour. The park is open from dawn to dusk, every day of the year.

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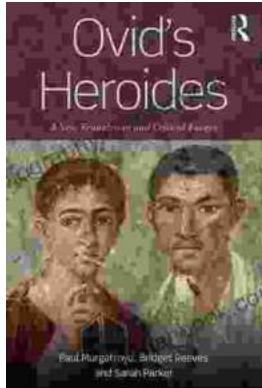
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