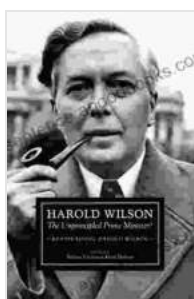


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The book begins with an overview of Wilson's early life and political career. Wilson was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, in 1916. He studied at Oxford University, where he became involved in politics. After graduating, he worked as a lecturer in economics at Oxford and then as a journalist. He was elected to Parliament in 1945.

Wilson quickly rose through the ranks of the Labour Party. He served as President of the Board of Trade and then as Chancellor of the Exchequer under Clement Attlee. In 1964, he was elected Leader of the Labour Party and became Prime Minister.

Wilson's first term as Prime Minister was a period of significant social and economic change. He introduced a number of reforms, including the National Health Service and the Open University. He also oversaw the decolonization of British Africa.

Wilson's second term as Prime Minister was more difficult. He faced a number of economic challenges, including the oil crisis of 1973. He also had to deal with the growing militancy of the trade unions.

In 1976, Wilson resigned as Prime Minister. He remained active in politics, and served as the President of the Labour Party from 1980 to 1983.

Wilson died in 1995. He is remembered as a complex and contradictory figure. He was a brilliant politician who achieved a great deal, but he was also a flawed human being who made a number of mistakes.

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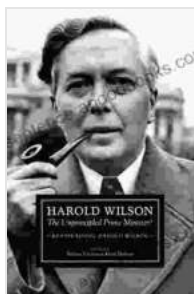
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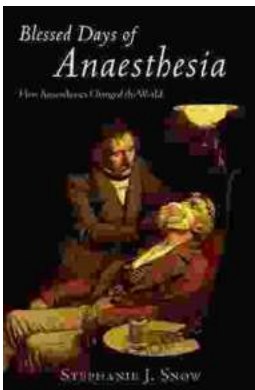
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