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A Comprehensive Biography of the 36th President of the United States

Lyndon Baines Johnson was the 36th president of the United States, serving from 1963 to 1969. He is best known for his ambitious domestic agenda, known as the Great Society, which aimed to eliminate poverty and racial injustice in America. Johnson also oversaw the escalation of the Vietnam War, which would ultimately lead to his downfall.

This comprehensive biography of Johnson tells the story of his life and presidency in detail. It draws on a wealth of primary and secondary sources, including interviews with Johnson himself, his family, and his close associates. The book provides a nuanced and balanced portrait of a complex and controversial figure.

The Great Society

One of Johnson's most significant achievements was the passage of the Great Society legislation. This ambitious program aimed to eliminate poverty, improve education, and provide healthcare for all Americans. Johnson's Great Society programs had a major impact on American society, and many of them remain in place today.

The Vietnam War

Johnson also oversaw the escalation of the Vietnam War. The war was deeply unpopular with the American public, and it ultimately led to Johnson's downfall. Johnson's decision to escalate the war was based on a belief that it was necessary to contain the spread of communism in Southeast Asia. However, the war proved to be a quagmire, and it ultimately ended in defeat for the United States.

Legacy

Lyndon B. Johnson was a complex and controversial figure. He was a brilliant politician who achieved some of the most significant legislative victories in American history. However, he was also responsible for the escalation of the Vietnam War, which was one of the most disastrous foreign policy blunders in American history.

Johnson's legacy is still debated today. Some historians argue that he was a great president who made significant progress towards achieving his goals. Others argue that he was a flawed president who made a series of disastrous decisions. Ultimately, Johnson's legacy will be shaped by the passage of time.

Lyndon Johnson: Portrait of a President is a comprehensive and balanced biography of one of the most significant presidents in American history. The book provides a nuanced and insightful look at Johnson's life and presidency, and it is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of American politics.

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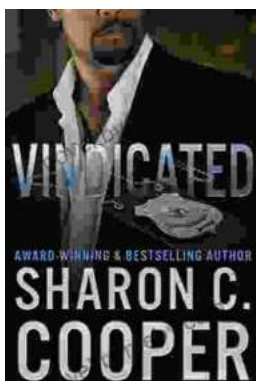
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