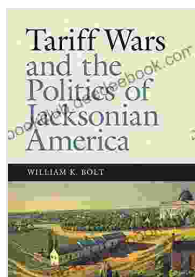


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The debate over the tariff also led to the formation of the Nullification Crisis, which threatened to tear the United States apart. The crisis was resolved through compromise, but it left a lasting legacy of division and debate over the issue of tariffs.



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The Tariff of 1828

The Tariff of 1828 was passed by Congress in response to a petition from American manufacturers who claimed that they were being harmed by competition from imported goods. The tariff imposed high duties on a wide range of imported goods, including wool, cotton, iron, and glass. The duties were so high that they effectively doubled the price of some imported goods.

The tariff was immediately unpopular with consumers and businesses who relied on imported goods. The tariff led to increased prices for a wide range of goods, from clothing to tools. It also led to a decline in trade and economic growth. The tariff was also deeply unpopular in the South, where it was seen as a way to protect Northern manufacturers at the expense of Southern consumers.

The Nullification Crisis

The Nullification Crisis was a political crisis that erupted in 1832 over the issue of the Tariff of 1828. The crisis was led by John C. Calhoun, the vice president of the United States under Andrew Jackson. Calhoun argued that the tariff was unconstitutional and that states had the right to nullify it within their borders.

Jackson strongly opposed Calhoun's position and threatened to use force to collect the tariff. The crisis was resolved through compromise, but it left a lasting legacy of division and debate over the issue of tariffs.

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One of the most important new perspectives on the tariff is that it was not simply a dispute over economic policy. The tariff was also a political issue that reflected the growing divide between the North and the South. The North was becoming increasingly industrialized, while the South was still largely agrarian. The tariff was seen by many Southerners as a way to protect Northern manufacturers at the expense of Southern consumers.

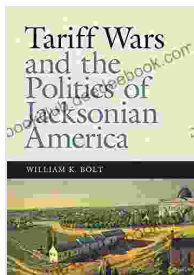
Another new perspective on the tariff is that it was not simply a debate over the role of government in the economy. The tariff was also a debate over the nature of the American Union. Calhoun's argument that states had the right to nullify federal laws was a direct challenge to the authority of the federal government. The Nullification Crisis was a test of whether the United States was a truly united nation or whether it was simply a collection of independent states.

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The debate over tariffs continues to this day. There are those who argue that tariffs are necessary to protect American jobs and businesses. Others argue that tariffs are harmful to the economy and that they lead to higher prices for consumers.

The debate over tariffs is a complex one with no easy answers. It is a debate that has been going on for centuries and it is likely to continue for many years to come.



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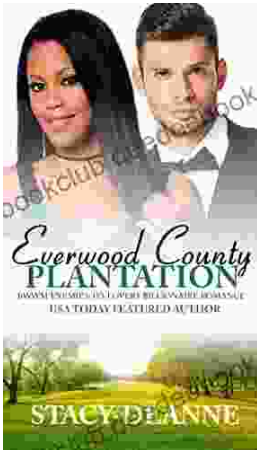
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