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Charles de Gaulle was one of the most important figures of the 20th century. He led France to victory in World War II, and he served as the country's president from 1959 to 1969. De Gaulle was a complex and controversial figure, but he is widely regarded as one of the greatest leaders in French history.

Julian Jackson's biography of De Gaulle is a monumental work of scholarship. It is based on extensive research, and it provides a comprehensive account of De Gaulle's life and career. Jackson's writing is clear and engaging, and he does an excellent job of capturing the complexity of De Gaulle's character.

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The Life and Career of Charles de Gaulle

Charles de Gaulle was born in Lille, France, in 1890. He graduated from the École Polytechnique in 1912, and he served in the French army during World War I. After the war, De Gaulle remained in the army, and he rose through the ranks quickly. By the outbreak of World War II, he was a general.

When France was invaded by Nazi Germany in 1940, De Gaulle refused to surrender. He escaped to England, where he established a government-in-

exile. De Gaulle led the Free French Forces against the Nazis, and he played a key role in the Allied victory in World War II.

After the war, De Gaulle returned to France and served as the country's first president from 1946 to 1958. He resigned in 1958, but he returned to power in 1959 as the president of the Fifth Republic. De Gaulle served as president until 1969, when he resigned after losing a referendum on constitutional reform.

De Gaulle died in 1970. He is buried in the village of Colombey-les-Deux-Églises, where he spent his retirement years.

The Legacy of Charles de Gaulle

Charles de Gaulle was a complex and controversial figure. He was a brilliant military leader, but he was also a stubborn and autocratic politician. He was a passionate nationalist, but he was also a pragmatist who was willing to compromise when necessary.

De Gaulle's legacy is complex and contested. Some historians view him as a great leader who saved France from disaster, while others see him as a dictator who undermined French democracy. However, there is no doubt that De Gaulle was one of the most important figures of the 20th century, and his legacy will continue to be debated for many years to come.

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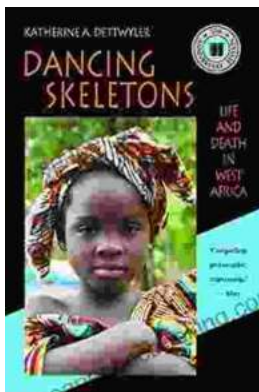


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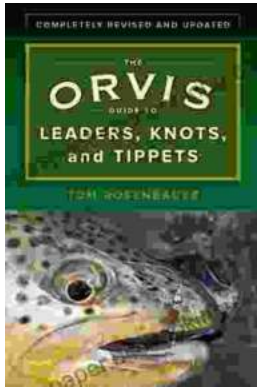
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