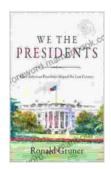
# **How American Presidents Shaped the Last Century**

The 20th century was a time of great change and upheaval, and American presidents played a major role in shaping the course of events. From Woodrow Wilson's leadership during World War I to Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to Ronald Reagan's Cold War policies, American presidents have left an enduring legacy on the world.



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#### **Woodrow Wilson and World War I**

Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States from 1913 to 1921. He is best known for his leadership during World War I. Wilson initially tried to keep the United States out of the war, but after the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915, he reluctantly asked Congress to declare war on Germany.

Wilson played a major role in the Allied victory in World War I. He helped to form the League of Nations, which was intended to prevent future wars. However, the United States never joined the League of Nations, and it eventually collapsed.

#### Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal

Franklin D. Roosevelt was president of the United States from 1933 to 1945. He is best known for his New Deal programs, which were designed to help the United States recover from the Great Depression.

The New Deal included a wide range of programs, such as the Social Security Act, the National Labor Relations Act, and the Public Works Administration. These programs helped to create jobs, provide social welfare benefits, and improve the economy.

Roosevelt also led the United States through World War II. He helped to form the Allied coalition and played a major role in the Allied victory.

### Ronald Reagan and the Cold War

Ronald Reagan was president of the United States from 1981 to 1989. He is best known for his Cold War policies, which helped to bring about the end of the Cold War.

Reagan believed that the Soviet Union was a threat to the United States and its allies. He increased military spending and took a hard line against the Soviet Union. Reagan also worked to improve relations with China.

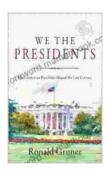
Reagan's policies helped to bankrupt the Soviet Union and bring about the end of the Cold War.

### **The Legacy of American Presidents**

American presidents have played a major role in shaping the last century. They have led the United States through wars, depressions, and other crises. They have also helped to shape the world order.

The legacy of American presidents is complex and controversial. Some presidents, such as Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, are considered to be among the greatest presidents in American history. Others, such as Ronald Reagan, are more controversial.

However, there is no doubt that American presidents have had a profound impact on the world. They have helped to make the United States the most powerful country in the world, and they have played a major role in shaping the course of human history.



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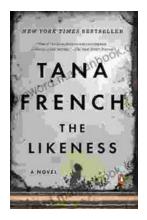
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