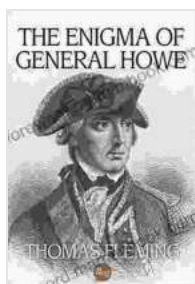


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Howe was born in 1729 in London, England. He entered the British Army in 1746 and served in the Seven Years' War. In 1775, he was appointed commander-in-chief of the British forces in North America. Howe arrived in Boston in May 1775, and he quickly became embroiled in the conflict with the American colonists.

Howe's first major engagement was the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775. The British won the battle, but they suffered heavy casualties. Howe was criticized for his handling of the battle, and some historians believe that he could have won a more decisive victory if he had been more aggressive.

In August 1776, Howe defeated the American forces at the Battle of Long Island. This was a major victory for the British, and it gave them control of New York City. Howe then pursued the American army across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania. In September 1777, he defeated the Americans again at the Battle of Brandywine. This victory gave the British control of Philadelphia, the American capital.

However, Howe's victories were overshadowed by his failure to capture George Washington's army. Washington's army was able to retreat from Philadelphia and continue to fight. Howe's indecisiveness and lack of aggression allowed Washington to keep his army intact.

In 1778, Howe was replaced as commander-in-chief by Sir Henry Clinton. Howe returned to England, where he lived until his death in 1814. He was a controversial figure, and historians have debated his military abilities for centuries. Some believe that he was a brilliant strategist, while others believe that he was indecisive and incompetent.

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General Howe was a complex and enigmatic figure. He was a skilled military tactician, but he was also indecisive and lacked the killer instinct needed to win a decisive victory. His failures allowed George Washington to keep his army intact and continue to fight for American independence. Howe's legacy is still debated today, but there is no doubt that he played a major role in the American Revolution.

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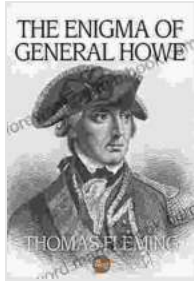
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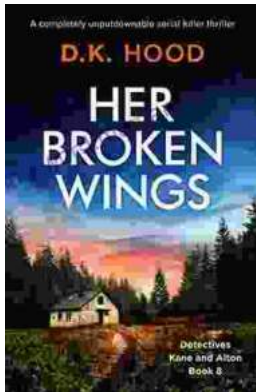
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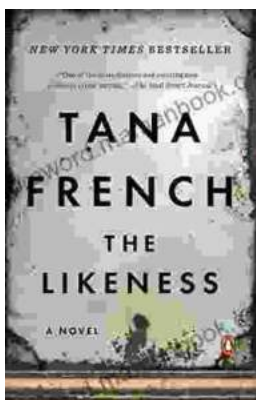


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