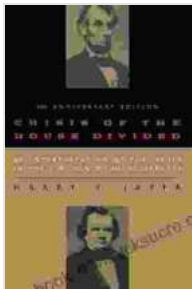


An Interpretation of the Issues in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 50th Anniversary

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The following is an interpretation of the issues in the Lincoln-Douglas debates, focusing on the slavery issue and its impact on the American Civil War.

The Slavery Issue

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Lincoln's view of slavery was shaped by his Christian beliefs. He believed that all men were created equal, and that slavery was a violation of this principle. He also believed that slavery was harmful to the economy and to the nation as a whole.

Douglas's view of slavery was shaped by his political beliefs. He believed that the federal government should not interfere with the states' rights to decide the issue of slavery. He also believed that slavery was a necessary evil, and that it would eventually die out on its own.

The slavery issue was a major source of tension in the United States in the 1850s. The debates between Lincoln and Douglas helped to bring the issue to the forefront of the national debate, and they contributed to the outbreak of the American Civil War in 1861.

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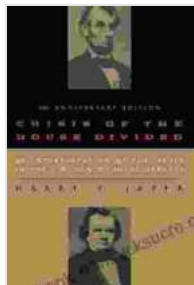
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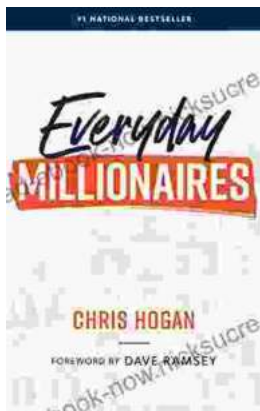


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