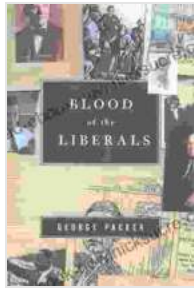


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George Packer's *Blood of the Liberals: The Untold Story of the American Left's Tragic Self-Sabotage* is a must-read for anyone interested in American politics and the history of the left. Packer argues that the left has consistently sabotaged its own goals by indulging in self-destructive behavior, such as infighting, purges, and scapegoating.

Packer begins his book with the New Deal, which he argues was a watershed moment for the American left. The New Deal was a series of social and economic programs enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the Great Depression. The New Deal had a profound impact on American society, and it helped to create a more just and equitable society. However, Packer argues that the New Deal also sowed the seeds of the left's self-destruction.

One of the key problems with the New Deal, according to Packer, was that it was too ambitious. The New Deal tried to do too much, too quickly, and it inevitably led to disappointment and disillusionment. This disappointment and disillusionment created a fertile ground for the rise of the left's self-destructive tendencies.

In the years after the New Deal, the left became increasingly divided. There were splits between the Communists and the socialists, between the pacifists and the interventionists, and between the civil rights activists and the black nationalists. These divisions led to infighting and purges, which further weakened the left.

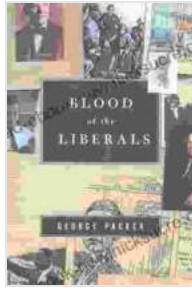
Packer also argues that the left has a long history of scapegoating. When things go wrong, the left often looks for someone to blame. This scapegoating can take many forms, but it often involves targeting minorities, immigrants, and other marginalized groups. Scapegoating only serves to further divide the left and make it less effective.

Packer concludes his book by arguing that the left needs to learn from its past mistakes. The left needs to be more realistic about what it can achieve, and it needs to be more tolerant of dissent. The left also needs to stop scapegoating others and start working together to achieve its goals.

Blood of the Liberals is a powerful and provocative book. Packer's arguments are well-supported by evidence, and he does not shy away from criticizing the left. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of the American left and its current challenges.

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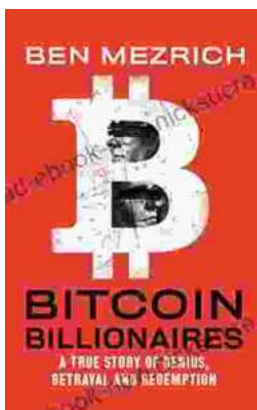


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