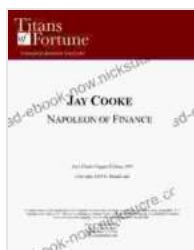


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Early Life and Career

Jay Cooke was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1821. His father was a successful merchant, and Cooke followed in his footsteps, working as a clerk in his father's store. In 1843, he moved to Philadelphia, where he established his own banking firm, Jay Cooke & Company.

Cooke quickly became known for his innovative fundraising techniques. In 1861, the outbreak of the American Civil War threatened to bankrupt the Union government. Cooke developed a plan to sell government bonds

directly to the public, rather than relying on banks and other financial institutions.

Cooke's plan was a success, and he soon became the primary financier of the Union war effort. He sold over \$2 billion worth of bonds, which helped to pay for the Union army, navy, and supplies.

Relationship with Lincoln

Cooke had a close relationship with President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln relied on Cooke's financial expertise and advice, and Cooke often provided the president with political and military intelligence.

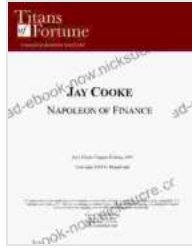
In 1864, Cooke arranged for Lincoln to meet with General Ulysses S. Grant at City Point, Virginia. The meeting was a success, and it helped to cement the relationship between Lincoln and Grant.

Later Life and Legacy

After the war, Cooke continued to be a successful financier. He helped to finance the construction of the transcontinental railroad, and he was involved in numerous other business ventures.

Cooke died in 1905. He is remembered as one of the most important financiers in American history. His innovative fundraising techniques helped to save the Union during the Civil War, and his legacy continues to this day.

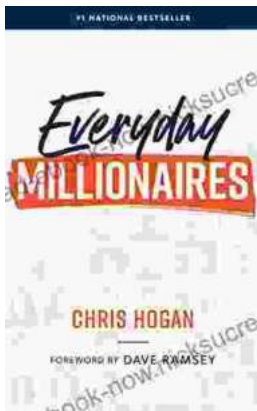
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