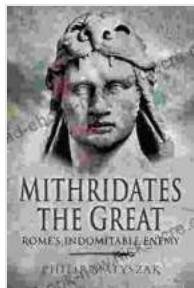


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Mithridates VI Eupator, King of Pontus, was one of the most formidable enemies that Rome ever faced. He fought against the Romans for over two decades, and his military prowess and strategic brilliance made him a constant thorn in their side. In this article, we will explore the life and career of Mithridates the Great, and examine his legacy as one of Rome's most indomitable foes.

## Early Life and Accession to the Throne

Mithridates VI Eupator was born in 132 BC in Sinope, Pontus (modern-day Turkey). He was the son of Mithridates V Euergetes, King of Pontus, and Laodice VI, a Seleucid princess. Mithridates' father died when he was a young boy, and he was raised by his mother and her brother, Mithridates Chrestus.

Mithridates was a precocious child, and he quickly mastered several languages, including Greek, Persian, and Arabic. He was also a skilled athlete and a gifted military strategist. In 113 BC, at the age of 19, Mithridates ascended to the throne of Pontus.

## **Expansion of the Pontic Kingdom**

Mithridates was an ambitious king, and he quickly set about expanding the borders of his kingdom. He conquered the neighboring kingdom of Cappadocia, and he also gained control of several Greek cities on the Black Sea coast. Mithridates' expansionist policies brought him into conflict with Rome, which was determined to maintain its dominance in the region.

## **The Mithridatic Wars**

The Mithridatic Wars were a series of three wars fought between Rome and Pontus from 88 BC to 63 BC. The first war began when Mithridates invaded the Roman province of Asia. The Romans responded by sending an army to defeat Mithridates, but he was able to escape and continue his campaign. The first war ended in a stalemate, with neither side able to gain a decisive victory.

The second war began in 83 BC, when Mithridates invaded Greece. He was initially successful, and he captured Athens and several other major cities. However, the Romans were able to rally their forces and defeat Mithridates at the Battle of Chaeronea in 86 BC. Mithridates was forced to flee back to Pontus, and the second war ended with a Roman victory.

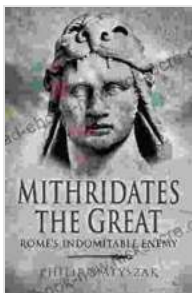
The third war began in 74 BC, when Mithridates invaded the Roman province of Bithynia. The Romans responded by sending an army led by Pompey the Great to defeat Mithridates. Pompey was able to defeat

Mithridates at the Battle of Zela in 67 BC, and Mithridates was forced to flee to the Kingdom of Bosphorus (modern-day Crimea).

## Death and Legacy

Mithridates was betrayed by his son, Pharnaces II, and he was forced to commit suicide in 63 BC. He was 69 years old. Mithridates was a brilliant military strategist and a skilled diplomat. He was also a patron of the arts and sciences. He was one of the most formidable enemies that Rome ever faced, and his legacy as one of Rome's most indomitable foes continues to this day.

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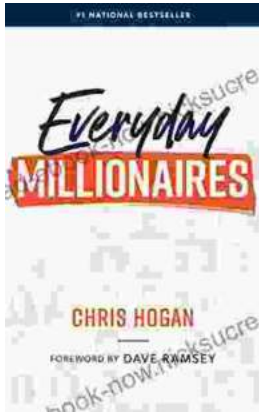
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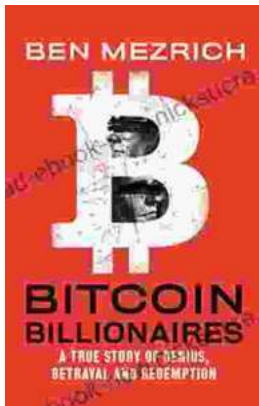
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