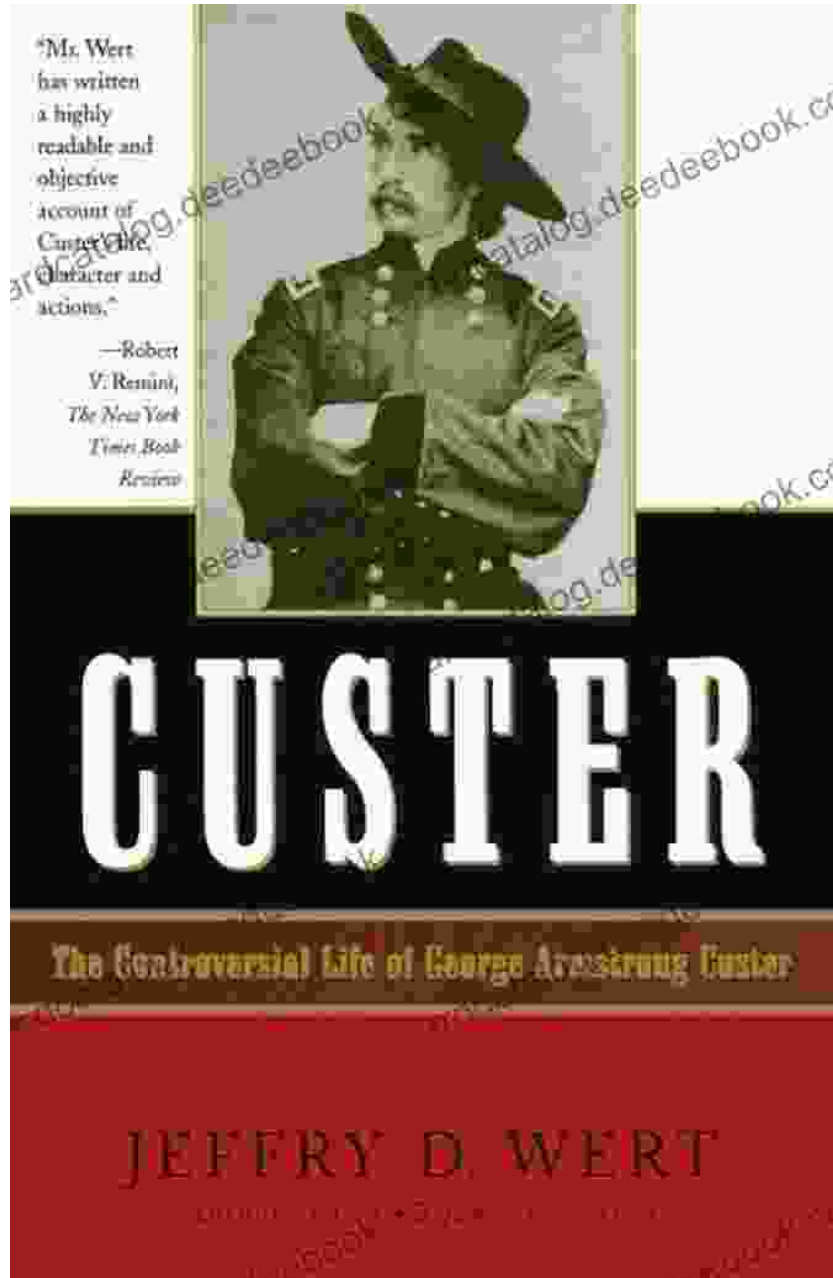


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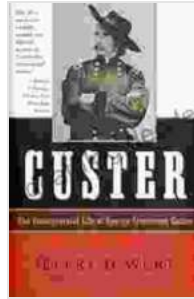
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George Armstrong Custer was one of the most controversial figures in American history. A brilliant military commander, he was also a ruthless and ambitious man who often put his own glory ahead of the well-being of his troops. His tragic death at the Battle of Little Bighorn in 1876 cemented his place in history as a symbol of both the promise and the peril of the American frontier.

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Wert begins his book by tracing Custer's early life and career. Born in 1839, Custer was the son of a blacksmith and a devout Methodist. He was a bright and ambitious child, and he excelled in school. After graduating from West Point in 1861, Custer joined the Union Army and quickly rose through the ranks. He fought with distinction in the Civil War, and by the end of the war, he was one of the most decorated officers in the Union Army.

After the Civil War, Custer was assigned to the western frontier, where he fought in a number of campaigns against the Native Americans. He was a controversial figure, and his methods were often criticized. He was accused of being too aggressive and of killing women and children. However, he was also a brilliant military commander, and he won a number of important victories against the Native Americans.

Custer's most famous victory was the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. In this battle, Custer and his men were surrounded and killed by a force of Native American warriors. The battle was a disaster for the United States Army, and it marked the end of Custer's career. He was killed at the age of 36, and he became a symbol of both the promise and the peril of the American frontier.

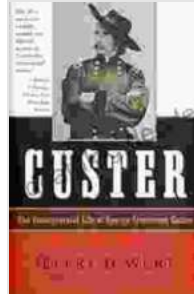
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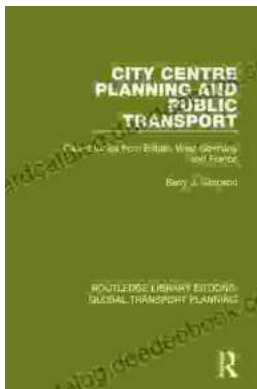
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