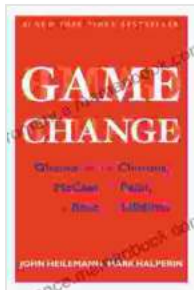


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The 2008 presidential election was one of the most closely contested and historic in American history. Barack Obama, the first African American to be nominated for president by a major party, faced off against John McCain, a decorated war hero and long-time senator. The race was also marked by the first female vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin.

The election was a referendum on the policies of President George W. Bush, who was deeply unpopular at the time. The country was mired in two wars, the economy was in recession, and the national debt was soaring. Obama campaigned on a message of hope and change, promising to end the wars, fix the economy, and restore America's standing in the world. McCain, on the other hand, campaigned on his experience and leadership, arguing that Obama was too inexperienced to be president.

The race was incredibly close, with Obama ultimately winning the popular vote by a margin of just over 5 million votes. He also won the Electoral College by a margin of 365 to 173.

The election of Barack Obama was a watershed moment in American history. It was the first time that an African American had been elected president, and it marked a major shift in the country's political landscape. Obama's victory was a sign of hope for many Americans, and it inspired a new generation of activists and leaders.

The 2008 presidential election was also notable for the role that social media played in the campaign. Obama was the first candidate to effectively use social media to reach voters, and his campaign's use of Facebook and Twitter is credited with helping him win the election.

The 2008 presidential election was a historic event that had a profound impact on the United States. It was a race of a lifetime, and it will be remembered for years to come.

The Candidates

Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1961. He graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law School, and worked as a community organizer in Chicago before entering politics. He was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1997, and to the United States Senate in 2004.

John McCain was born in the Panama Canal Zone in 1936. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served as a pilot in the Vietnam War. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war for five and a half years. After the war, McCain entered politics and was elected to the United

States House of Representatives in 1982. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1986.

Sarah Palin was born in Sandpoint, Idaho, in 1964. She graduated from the University of Idaho and worked as a sportscaster before entering politics. She was elected mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, in 1996, and governor of Alaska in 2006.

The Campaign

The 2008 presidential campaign was one of the most closely contested in recent history. Obama and McCain were both strong candidates, and the race was too close to call until the very end.

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The race was also marked by the first female vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin. Palin was a controversial choice, but she helped to energize McCain's base.

The campaign was often bitter and divisive, with both sides engaging in negative advertising. However, Obama ultimately prevailed, winning the popular vote by a margin of just over 5 million votes. He also won the Electoral College by a margin of 365 to 173.

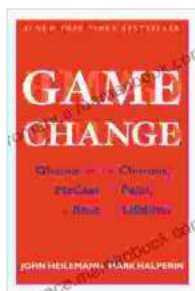
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The 2008 presidential election also had a profound impact on the Republican Party. The party's loss to Obama led to a period of soul-searching, and many Republicans began to question the party's platform and message. The party has since moved to the right, and it remains to be seen whether it can regain the support of moderate voters.

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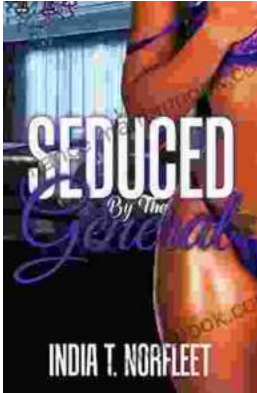
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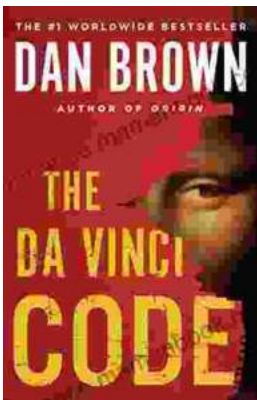
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