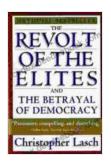
## Never Trump: The Revolt of the Conservative Elites

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The Never Trump movement was never a monolithic entity. There were a variety of reasons why conservatives opposed Trump. Some objected to his personal style, which they saw as vulgar and unpresidential. Others were concerned about his lack of experience in government and his authoritarian tendencies. Still others were worried about his policy positions, which they saw as too extreme or ill-conceived.

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#### The Origins of the Never Trump Movement

The Never Trump movement began in the early days of the 2016 Republican primary. As Trump began to rise in the polls, a number of conservative elites began to speak out against him. In May 2016, a group of 50 Republican national security experts signed an open letter stating that Trump was "unfit to be President." The letter cited Trump's "dangerous" foreign policy views, his "erratic" temperament, and his "disregard for the truth."

In the months leading up to the election, the Never Trump movement grew in size and influence. A number of high-profile Republicans, including former President George H.W. Bush, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, endorsed Hillary Clinton. The movement also organized a series of protests and rallies against Trump.

#### The Impact of the Never Trump Movement

The Never Trump movement had a significant impact on the 2016 election. It helped to legitimize the opposition to Trump within the Republican Party. It also raised awareness of Trump's unfitness for office.

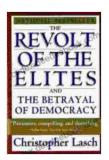
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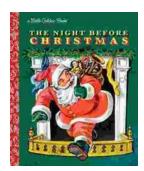
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