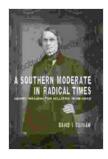
### Southern Moderate In Radical Times: A **Historical Examination of a Pivotal Figure**

In the tumultuous era of the American Civil Rights Movement, the South was a hotbed of conflict. Amidst the violence and upheaval, a group of moderate Southerners emerged, seeking to bridge the divide between the white establishment and the black community. One such figure was George Wallace, a former governor of Alabama and a staunch segregationist.

Wallace's journey from segregationist to moderate is an intriguing one. He was born in 1919 in Clio, Alabama, the son of a sharecropper. After serving in the military during World War II, he returned home to Alabama and entered politics. In 1962, he was elected governor of Alabama, promising to fight for "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever."



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Wallace's early years as governor were marked by his defiance of the federal government's efforts to integrate schools and other public facilities. He famously stood in the doorway of the University of Alabama in 1963 to prevent two black students from enrolling. However, as the Civil Rights Movement gained momentum, Wallace's views began to evolve. He realized that segregation was unsustainable and that the South could not continue to resist the forces of change.

In 1968, Wallace ran for president as an independent candidate. He campaigned on a platform of states' rights and law and Free Download. Although he did not win the election, he received over 13 million votes, demonstrating the significant support for his views in the white South.

After his failed presidential campaign, Wallace returned to Alabama and continued to serve as governor. He gradually moderated his views on race, and in 1972, he appointed a black man to his cabinet. Wallace's transformation from segregationist to moderate was a complex and gradual process. He was influenced by a variety of factors, including the changing demographics of the South, the growing power of the Civil Rights Movement, and his own personal experiences.

Wallace's story is a reminder that even in the most polarized times, it is possible for people to change their views. He was a flawed and complex figure, but he ultimately played a significant role in the desegregation of the South. His journey is a testament to the power of dialogue, compromise, and the human capacity for growth.

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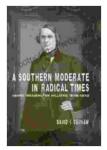
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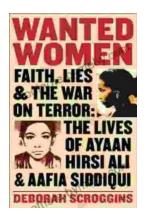
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