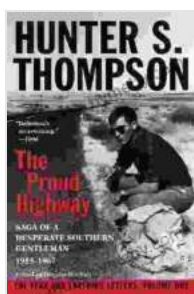


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John Randolph Parker was born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1933. He attended the University of Alabama and the University of Virginia Law School. After graduating from law school, Parker returned to Birmingham and began practicing law. He was active in the Civil Rights Movement and was a member of the Freedom Riders. In 1965, Parker was elected to the Alabama State Senate. He served in the Senate for two terms and was a vocal advocate for civil rights.

Parker died in 1992 at the age of 59. He is survived by his wife, Anne, and his three children.

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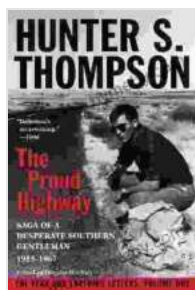
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