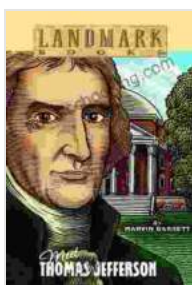


# Meet Thomas Jefferson: A Landmark Book

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Tuchman begins by exploring Jefferson's early life and education. Born into a wealthy plantation family in Virginia, Jefferson was a precocious child who displayed a keen interest in learning. He attended the College of William and Mary, where he studied law and philosophy. After graduating,

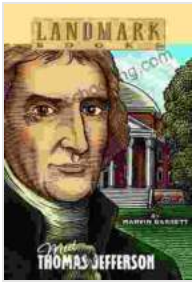
Jefferson returned to Virginia and began his career as a lawyer and politician.

Jefferson quickly rose through the ranks of Virginia politics, serving in the House of Burgesses and the Continental Congress. He was a vocal advocate for American independence, and he played a key role in drafting the Declaration of Independence. In 1785, Jefferson was elected to the United States Congress, where he served as a delegate from Virginia. He was a leading advocate for the Constitution, and he helped to secure its ratification.

In 1790, Jefferson was appointed Secretary of State by President George Washington. He served in this position for four years, during which time he played a key role in shaping American foreign policy. Jefferson was a strong supporter of France, and he opposed the pro-British policies of Washington and his successor, John Adams. In 1796, Jefferson was elected President of the United States. He served two terms in office, during which time he oversaw the Louisiana Free Download and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Jefferson retired to his plantation, Monticello, in 1809. He continued to write and correspond with other intellectuals and politicians, and he remained an influential figure in American politics until his death in 1826.

Thomas Jefferson was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a brilliant intellectual who wrote some of the most important documents in American history. He was also a slave owner who struggled to reconcile his beliefs in equality and freedom with the realities of slavery. Jefferson's legacy is still debated today, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most important figures in American history.

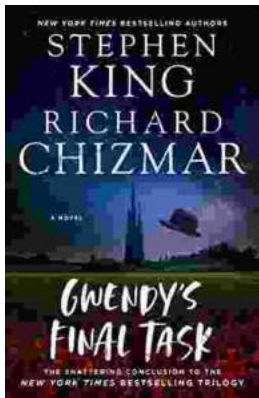
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