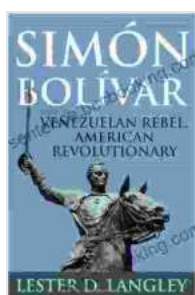


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## The Formative Years



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Simón Bolívar was born in Caracas, Venezuela, on July 24, 1783, into a wealthy aristocratic family. From an early age, he displayed a keen intellect

and a rebellious nature. Orphaned at the age of nine, Bolívar traveled to Europe to complete his education. While in Europe, he became inspired by the ideals of the Enlightenment and the French Revolution.

### **Return to Venezuela and the Path to Revolution**



Upon his return to Venezuela in 1807, Bolívar found his homeland under Spanish colonial rule. Disillusioned with the oppressive regime, he joined the Venezuelan independence movement. In 1811, he became a leader of the First Republic of Venezuela, but the republic was short-lived and Bolívar was forced to flee into exile.

### **Liberating Gran Colombia**



In 1819, Bolívar returned to Venezuela with a renewed army and launched a series of brilliant military campaigns. He led his forces across the Andes Mountains and liberated New Granada (present-day Colombia). In 1821, Bolívar's forces joined forces with those of José de San Martín and liberated Peru from Spanish rule.

In 1822, Bolívar created the Republic of Gran Colombia, which united Venezuela, New Granada, and Ecuador. He served as its first president until 1830.

### **The Bolívar Doctrine**





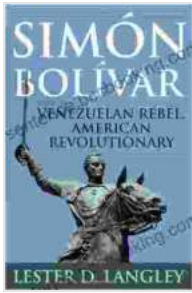
In 1823, Bolívar issued the Bolívar Doctrine, which declared that any European intervention in the Americas would be considered an act of aggression against the entire hemisphere. The Bolívar Doctrine became a cornerstone of American foreign policy in the 19th century and is still invoked today as a symbol of Latin American unity and independence.

### **Legacy and Impact**



Simón Bolívar died in 1830 at the age of 47. He is considered one of the most important figures in Latin American history. His ideas and actions sparked a revolution that led to the independence of much of South America from Spanish rule. He is known as the "Liberator" and is revered throughout the Americas as a symbol of freedom and independence.

Simón Bolívar was an extraordinary man who played a pivotal role in the history of the Americas. His unwavering determination, military genius, and visionary leadership left an indelible mark on the world. His legacy continues to inspire generations of Latin Americans and his ideas remain relevant in the struggle for freedom and justice around the globe.



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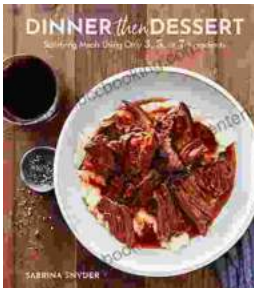
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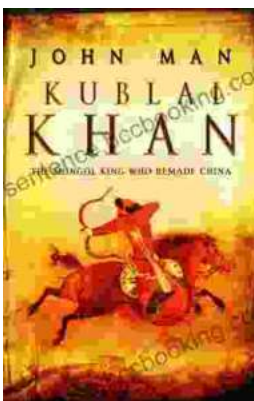
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