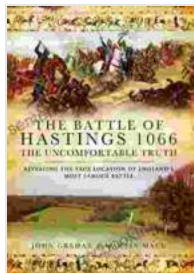


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The Battle of Hastings was a pivotal moment in English history. Fought on October 14, 1066, the battle pitted the forces of William, Duke of Normandy, against those of Harold Godwinson, the last Anglo-Saxon king of England. The Norman victory marked the end of Anglo-Saxon rule in England and the beginning of the Norman era.

The Events Leading Up to the Battle

The events leading up to the Battle of Hastings were complex and involved a number of key players. In 1064, King Edward the Confessor died without an heir. This led to a succession crisis, with several claimants to the throne. One of these claimants was Harold Godwinson, who was elected king by the Witan, the council of Anglo-Saxon nobles.

However, William, Duke of Normandy, also claimed the English throne. He argued that he had been promised the throne by Edward the Confessor and that Harold had broken his oath to him. William assembled an invasion force and set sail for England in September 1066.

The Battle of Hastings

The Battle of Hastings was fought on October 14, 1066, at Senlac Hill, near Hastings in Sussex. William's army was larger and better equipped than Harold's, and they had the advantage of cavalry. Harold's army was made up of infantry and fyrdmen, who were part-time soldiers.

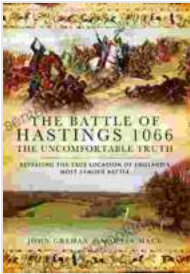
The battle began with a Norman cavalry charge. The Anglo-Saxons formed a shield wall to protect themselves, but the Normans were able to break through in several places. The Anglo-Saxons fought bravely, but they were outnumbered and outmatched. Harold was killed in the battle, and his army was routed.

The Aftermath of the Battle

The Norman victory at Hastings had a profound impact on English history. The Anglo-Saxons were defeated, and the Normans established a new ruling class in England. The Norman Conquest brought about significant changes to English society, including the of the feudal system and the Norman language.

The Battle of Hastings is still remembered today as a turning point in English history. It is a reminder of the importance of this event and its impact on the development of England.

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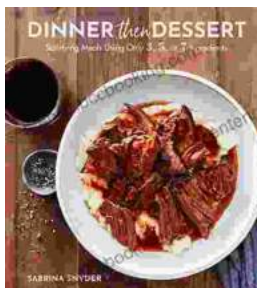


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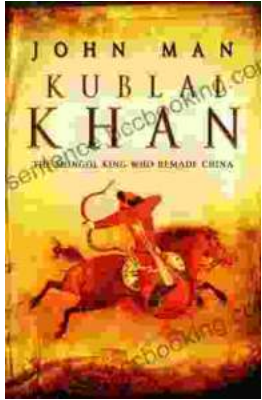
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