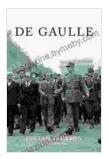
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In his monumental biography, *De Gaulle*, Julian Jackson offers a comprehensive and insightful look at the life and career of one of the most important figures of the 20th century. Charles de Gaulle was a legendary French general and statesman who led his country through some of its most turbulent times.

Jackson's book is a masterful work of scholarship that draws on a wide range of sources, including de Gaulle's own writings and speeches. Jackson provides a rich and nuanced portrait of a complex and fascinating man.

De Gaulle was born in 1890 in Lille, France. He was the son of a history professor and a devout Catholic mother. De Gaulle was a brilliant student and a gifted military strategist. He graduated from the prestigious École Polytechnique in 1912 and served with distinction in World War I.

After the war, de Gaulle served in a variety of military and diplomatic posts. He was a strong advocate for France's role in world affairs and was a vocal critic of the appeasement policies of the 1930s. When World War II broke out in 1939, de Gaulle was appointed commander of the French Fifth Army. He led his army in a series of successful battles against the German invaders. However, after the fall of France in 1940, de Gaulle refused to accept the defeat. He escaped to London and established the Free French Forces, which continued to fight against the Nazis.

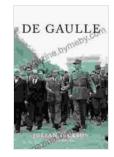
De Gaulle's leadership during the war was instrumental in the liberation of France. After the war, he served as the first president of the Fifth Republic from 1958 to 1969. During his presidency, de Gaulle pursued a policy of independence from the United States and NATO. He also oversaw the development of France's nuclear weapons program.

De Gaulle was a controversial figure, but he was also a great leader who helped to shape the course of French history in the 20th century. Julian Jackson's biography is a fitting tribute to this extraordinary man.

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