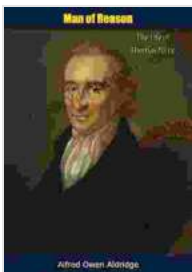


# Thomas Paine: A Man of Reason

Thomas Paine was an English-born American political activist, philosopher, and revolutionary. He is best known for his two influential pamphlets, "Common Sense" and "The Rights of Man", which helped to inspire the American Revolution. Paine also played a prominent role in the French Revolution, and he was elected to the National Convention in 1792.



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After the American Revolution, Paine returned to England, where he published "The Rights of Man" in 1791. The pamphlet defended the French Revolution and argued for the universal rights of man. Paine's writings were controversial, and he was forced to flee England in 1792.

Paine spent the rest of his life in France and the United States. He died in New York City on June 8, 1809.

## **Paine's Legacy**

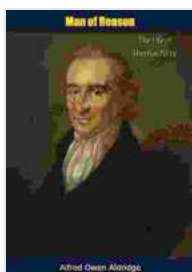
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Paine's legacy is complex and controversial. He was a brilliant writer and a passionate advocate for his beliefs. However, he was also a controversial figure, and his writings were often criticized for being too radical.

Despite the controversy, there is no doubt that Thomas Paine was one of the most important figures in the history of democracy. His writings helped to inspire the American Revolution, and they continue to inspire people around the world to fight for their freedom.

## Further Reading

- The Thomas Paine National Historical Association
- Common Sense by Thomas Paine
- Thomas Paine



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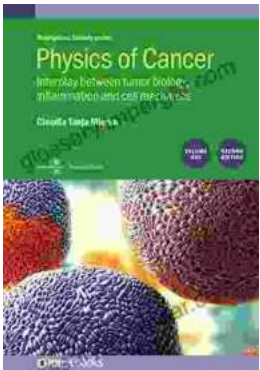
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