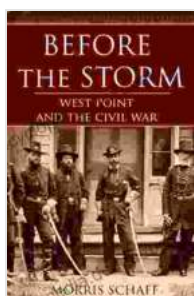


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The most famous West Point graduate of the Civil War was Ulysses S. Grant, who commanded the Union Army to victory. Other notable West Point graduates who fought for the Union included George McClellan, William Tecumseh Sherman, and Philip Sheridan. Among the West Point graduates who fought for the Confederacy were Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and James Longstreet.



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The Civil War had a profound impact on West Point. The number of cadets enrolled at the academy dropped sharply during the war, and the curriculum was revised to emphasize military science and tactics. After the war, West Point became a more selective and prestigious institution, and it continued to play a key role in the training of American military leaders.

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The number of West Point graduates who fought for the Union is not as clear, but it is estimated that around 500 West Point graduates fought for the Union. This means that a majority of the West Point graduates who fought in the Civil War fought for the Union.

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Some of the other notable battles in which West Point graduates fought include:

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- Battle of Vicksburg
- Battle of Chattanooga
- Battle of Atlanta
- Battle of the Wilderness
- Battle of Spotsylvania
- Battle of Cold Harbor
- Battle of Petersburg

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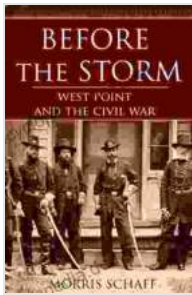
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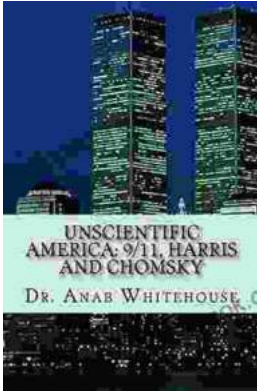
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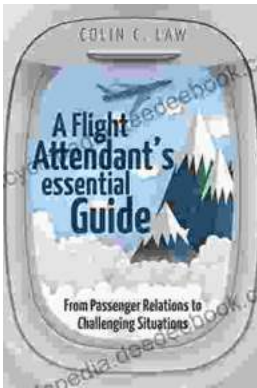
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