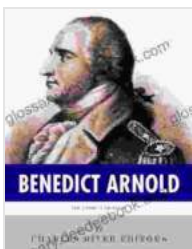


The Life and Legacy of Benedict Arnold: A Traitor's Tale of Betrayal and Redemption

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Early Life and Career



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Benedict Arnold was born in Norwich, Connecticut, on January 14, 1741. His father was a successful merchant, and Arnold received a good education. He was a bright and ambitious young man, and he quickly rose through the ranks of the Connecticut militia.

When the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, Arnold joined the Continental Army. He quickly proved himself to be a skilled and courageous officer. He led a daring raid on Fort Ticonderoga, and he played a key role in the Battle of Saratoga. Arnold's victories made him a national hero, and he was promoted to the rank of major general.

Betrayal

In 1779, Arnold was given command of the American garrison at West Point. This was a critical post, as it guarded the Hudson River Valley. Arnold began to negotiate with the British, and he agreed to surrender West Point to them.

Arnold's plot was discovered before he could carry it out. He fled to the British lines, and he was branded a traitor. Arnold served with the British for the rest of the war, and he led several raids against American targets.

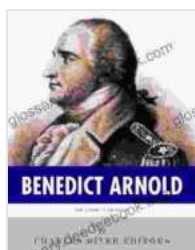
Later Life and Legacy

After the war, Arnold settled in England. He became a successful businessman, and he married a wealthy woman. However, he never forgot

his betrayal of the American cause. He died in London in 1801, and he was buried in an unmarked grave.

Benedict Arnold's legacy is complex and contradictory. He was a brilliant military strategist, but he also betrayed his country. He was a hero to the Americans, but he also became a traitor. Arnold's story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of ambition and the importance of loyalty.

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