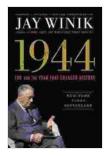
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1944 was a pivotal year in World War II, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt played a central role in shaping the course of the war and the world's future.

The year began with the Allied landings in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. This was the largest amphibious assault in history, and it marked the beginning of the liberation of France from Nazi occupation.

FDR played a key role in planning and executing the Normandy landings. He met with military leaders and visited troops in England in the months leading up to the invasion. He also gave a stirring speech on D-Day, in which he said, "This is the day we have been waiting for." Allies eventually prevailed, liberating France and pushing the Nazi forces back into Germany.

Later in 1944, FDR met with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin at the Yalta Conference. At Yalta, the three leaders agreed on a plan to divide Germany into four occupation zones after the war. They also agreed to establish the United Nations, an international organization to promote peace and cooperation.

In addition to his role in the war, FDR also played a key role in shaping the post-war world. He helped to establish the Bretton Woods system, which created a stable international monetary system. He also signed the United Nations Charter, which established the United Nations as a permanent international organization.

FDR died on April 12, 1945, just weeks before the end of the war. However, his legacy continues to shape the world today. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history, and his leadership during World War II helped to ensure the Allied victory and the establishment of a more just and peaceful world.

#### **Timeline of Key Events in 1944**

- January 22: FDR delivers the State of the Union address, in which he calls for a "Second Bill of Rights" to ensure economic security for all Americans.
- 2. June 6: D-Day: The Allied forces land in Normandy, France, beginning the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation.
- 3. July 20: The assassination attempt on Hitler fails.
- 4. August 25: The liberation of Paris.

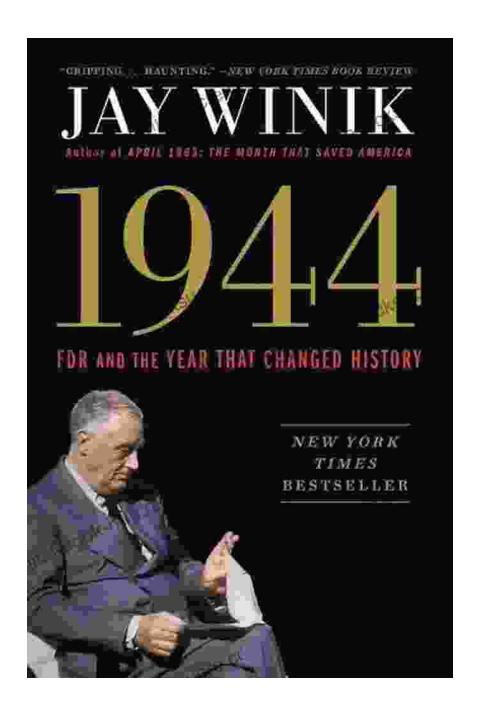
- 5. September 11: FDR meets with Churchill and Stalin at the Quebec Conference.
- 6. October 20: FDR is re-elected to a fourth term as president.
- 7. December 16: The Battle of the Bulge begins.

#### FDR's Legacy

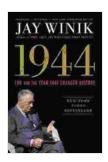
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FDR's legacy also includes the New Deal, a series of programs that helped to lift the United States out of the Great Depression. The New Deal included programs such as Social Security, unemployment insurance, and public works projects.

FDR's vision of a more just and equitable society continues to inspire people today. He is remembered as a champion of the poor and disadvantaged, and his legacy continues to shape the world today.



#### FDR in 1944

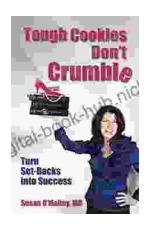


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