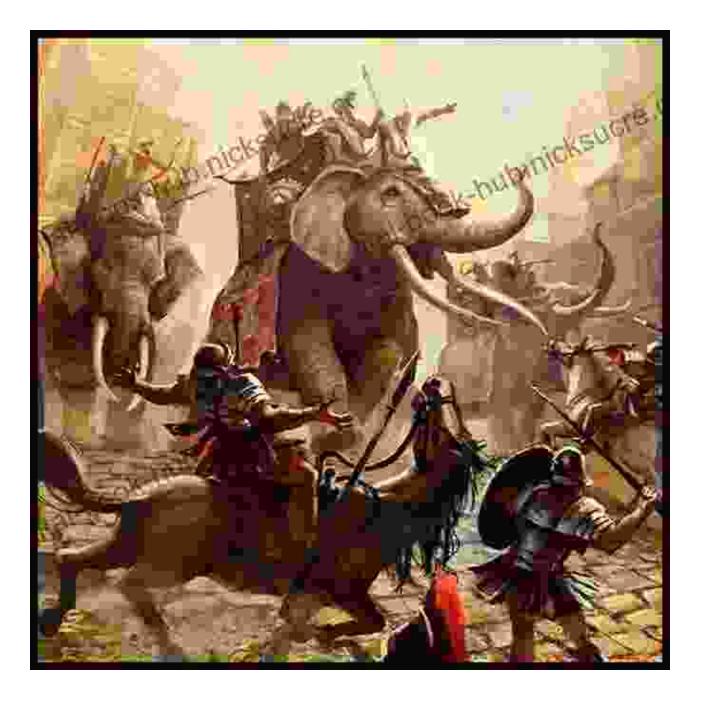
# The Military Biography of Rome's Greatest Enemy: Hannibal Barca



## Hannibal: The Military Biography of Rome's Greatest

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#### **Early Life and Career**

Hannibal Barca was born in Carthage, North Africa, in 247 BC. He was the son of Hamilcar Barca, a Carthaginian general who fought against Rome in the First Punic War (264–241 BC). Hannibal grew up to be a skilled military commander and strategist.

In 218 BC, Hannibal invaded Italy with a force of 50,000 men and 37 elephants. He crossed the Alps, a feat that had never been accomplished before. Hannibal's army defeated the Romans in a series of battles, including the Battle of Cannae in 216 BC, where he killed over 50,000 Roman soldiers.

#### The Battle of Cannae

The Battle of Cannae was one of the greatest military victories in history. Hannibal's army was outnumbered by the Romans, but he used a brilliant strategy to defeat them. He placed his weakest troops in the center of his line, and his strongest troops on the flanks. The Romans pushed back the Carthaginian center, but Hannibal's flanks held firm.

As the Roman infantry advanced, Hannibal's cavalry attacked their flanks. The Roman cavalry was unable to withstand the Carthaginian attack, and they were routed. Hannibal's infantry then attacked the Roman flanks, and the Romans were surrounded. Over 50,000 Roman soldiers were killed in the battle.

## The End of the Second Punic War

After the Battle of Cannae, Hannibal continued to fight against the Romans for another 15 years. However, he was eventually defeated by the Roman general Scipio Africanus in 202 BC. Hannibal returned to Carthage, where he served as a political leader until he was forced to flee into exile.

Hannibal died in exile in 183 BC. He is considered to be one of the greatest military commanders in history.

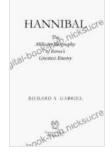
## Hannibal's Legacy

Hannibal's military campaigns had a profound impact on Roman history. The Romans were so impressed by Hannibal's military genius that they studied his tactics and adopted many of them into their own military system.

Hannibal is still considered to be one of the greatest military commanders in history. His campaigns are studied by military historians and his tactics are still used by armies today.

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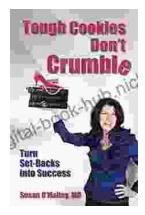
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