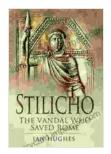
Stilicho: The Vandal Who Saved Rome

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Stilicho was a Vandal general who rose to become one of the most powerful men in the Roman Empire. He was a brilliant military commander who defended Rome from its enemies and helped to keep the empire together. This book tells the story of Stilicho's life and career, and it explores his complex relationship with the Roman people.



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Early Life and Career

Stilicho was born in 359 AD in the Vandal kingdom of Germania. His father was a Vandal chieftain, and his mother was a Roman woman. Stilicho was raised in the Roman tradition, and he became a skilled military commander. He fought in several campaigns against the Goths and other Germanic tribes, and he quickly rose through the ranks.

In 394 AD, Stilicho was appointed magister militum, or commander-in-chief of the Roman army. He was the first Vandal to hold this position, and his appointment was met with some resistance from the Roman senators. However, Stilicho quickly proved his worth as a military commander. He defeated the Goths at the Battle of Pollentia in 402 AD, and he defended Rome from the Visigoths at the Battle of Verona in 403 AD.

Relationship with the Roman People

Stilicho's relationship with the Roman people was complex. He was a Vandal, and many Romans resented his rise to power. However, Stilicho was also a brilliant military commander who saved Rome from its enemies. As a result, he was able to win the support of the Roman people, and he became one of the most popular figures in the empire.

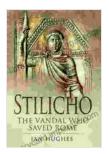
Stilicho's relationship with the Roman people was also complicated by his religious beliefs. Stilicho was a Christian, but he was not a Nicene Christian. He believed that the Holy Spirit was not equal to the Father and the Son, and this belief was condemned by the Nicene Council in 325 AD. As a result, Stilicho was considered a heretic by many Romans.

Death and Legacy

Stilicho was assassinated in 408 AD by the Roman emperor Honorius. Honorius was jealous of Stilicho's power, and he feared that Stilicho was plotting to overthrow him. Stilicho's death was a major blow to the Roman Empire. He was one of the few men who could have saved the empire from collapse, and his death left the empire vulnerable to attack.

Stilicho's legacy is complex. He was a brilliant military commander who saved Rome from its enemies. However, he was also a Vandal, and his

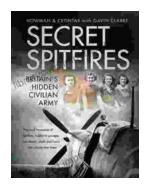
religious beliefs were not shared by many Romans. As a result, his relationship with the Roman people was complex, and he was both loved and hated. Nevertheless, Stilicho remains one of the most important figures in Roman history, and his story is still told today.



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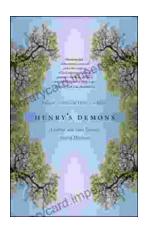
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