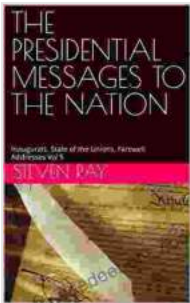


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### The Early Years

The first Presidential Message to the Nation was delivered by George Washington on January 8, 1790. In his address, Washington outlined his vision for the new nation, including his support for a strong central government, a sound financial system, and a commitment to religious

freedom. Washington's successors continued to use the State of the Union Address to lay out their priorities for the coming year.

## **The 19th Century**

The 19th century saw the rise of the "Great Communicator" presidents, who used the State of the Union Address to rally the nation behind their policies. Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered in 1863, is one of the most famous speeches in American history. In his address, Lincoln called for a renewed commitment to the principles of freedom and equality.

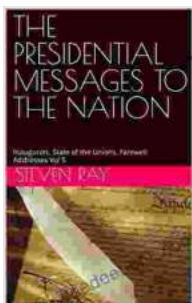
## **The 20th Century**

The 20th century was a time of great change for the United States, and the Presidential Messages to the Nation reflected this change. Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" speech, delivered in 1941, outlined his vision for a world free from want, fear, and tyranny. John F. Kennedy's "New Frontier" speech, delivered in 1961, called for a new era of American leadership in space, science, and education.

## **The 21st Century**

The 21st century has seen the rise of social media, which has given presidents a new way to communicate with the American people. President Barack Obama used social media to connect with voters during his 2008 campaign, and he continued to use it to communicate with the public throughout his presidency. President Donald Trump used Twitter as his primary means of communication with the public, often using the platform to attack his opponents and spread misinformation. President Joe Biden has used social media to promote his agenda and to connect with voters.

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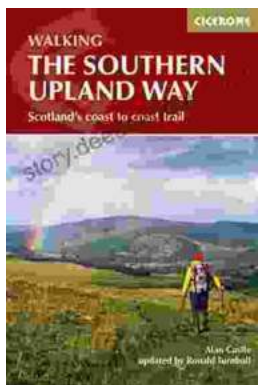


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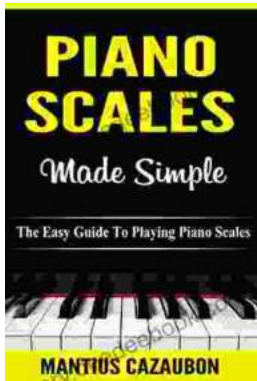
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