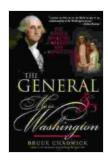
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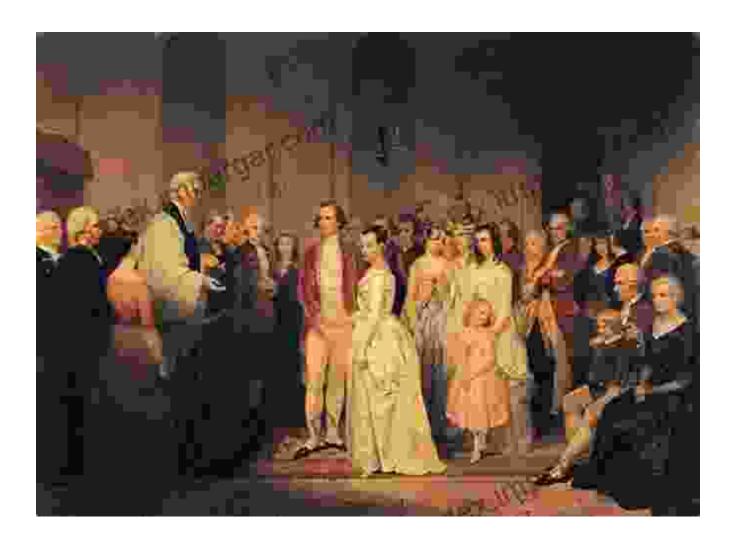
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#### **Early Life and Courtship**

George Washington was born into a prominent Virginia family in 1732. At the age of 26, he inherited Mount Vernon, a sprawling plantation that would become his lifelong home. Martha Dandridge Custis, born in 1731, was also from a wealthy Virginia family and had been married twice before meeting Washington.

Their courtship began in 1755, at a time when Washington was a rising star in the Virginia militia. Martha was impressed by his intelligence, integrity, and military prowess. Washington, in turn, was drawn to her beauty, charm, and the love and admiration she had for her children.

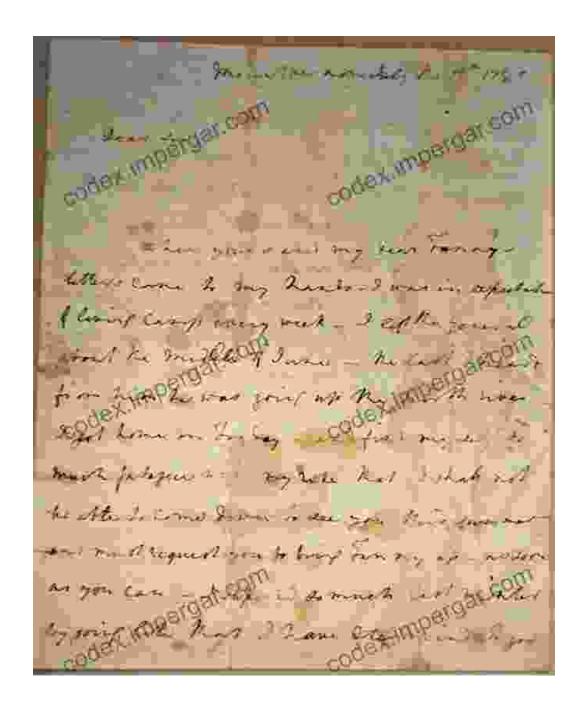


#### **Marriage and Revolution**

George and Martha Washington were married on January 6, 1759, at Martha's home, White House Plantation. The couple settled at Mount Vernon, where they established a close and loving relationship.

However, the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1775 would put their marriage to the test. Washington was appointed as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, and he spent much of the war away from home. Martha remained at Mount Vernon, managing the plantation and raising their children.

Despite the distance, the couple maintained a close correspondence, exchanging hundreds of letters filled with love, longing, and concern. Martha's unwavering support and encouragement were a source of strength for Washington throughout the war.



#### The Presidency and Retirement

After the war, Washington was unanimously elected as the first President of the United States. Martha served as First Lady, presiding over official events and receiving guests with grace and hospitality. The presidency was a demanding time for the couple. The new nation faced numerous challenges, and Washington's leadership was constantly tested. Martha provided invaluable support and counsel to her husband, becoming a trusted advisor and confidante.

In 1797, Washington retired from the presidency and returned to Mount Vernon. The couple enjoyed a peaceful retirement, surrounded by their family and friends. Martha passed away in 1802, and Washington followed her three years later.



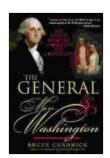
#### Legacy

The marriage between George and Martha Washington was a remarkable example of love, resilience, and partnership. It was a union that not only shaped the lives of two individuals but also played a pivotal role in the founding of the United States.

Their legacy lives on today through the many institutions and landmarks that bear their name, including the Washington Monument, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, and the annual Mount Vernon Valentine's Day event.

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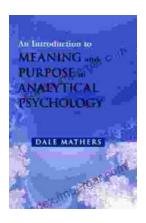
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