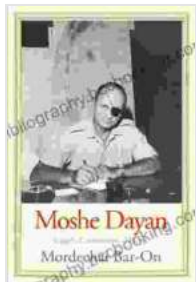


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Moshe Dayan was one of the most controversial figures in Israeli history. A brilliant military strategist and a charismatic leader, he was also a ruthless and pragmatic man who was willing to do whatever it took to win. This book tells the story of his life and legacy.

Early Life and Military Career

Moshe Dayan was born in Degania, Palestine, in 1915. His parents were Russian immigrants who had come to Palestine to help build a new Jewish homeland. Dayan grew up on a kibbutz, where he learned the values of hard work and self-reliance. He joined the Haganah, the Jewish underground army, at the age of 15. In 1939, he was appointed commander of the Haganah's Jerusalem Brigade.

During the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, Dayan played a key role in the Israeli victory. He led the Haganah's forces in the capture of Lydda and Ramle, and he was also instrumental in the defense of Jerusalem. After the war, Dayan was appointed chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). He served in this position until 1953, when he resigned to pursue a career in politics.

Political Career

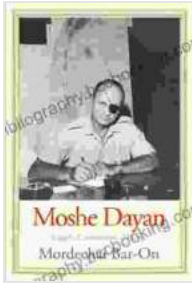
Dayan entered politics in 1959, when he was elected to the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. He served as Minister of Defense from 1967 to 1974, and again from 1977 to 1981. During his time as Defense Minister, Dayan oversaw the Israeli victory in the Six-Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973. He also played a key role in the signing of the Camp David Accords in 1978.

Dayan was a controversial figure throughout his career. He was admired by many for his military prowess and his willingness to take risks. However, he was also criticized for his ruthlessness and his willingness to use violence to achieve his goals.

Legacy

Moshe Dayan died in 1981 at the age of 66. He is considered one of the most important figures in Israeli history. He was a brilliant military strategist, a charismatic leader, and a ruthless and pragmatic man. His legacy is still debated today, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most influential figures in the history of the State of Israel.

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