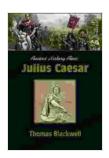
# Julius Caesar: The Dictator of Ancient Rome





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## **Early Life and Career**

Julius Caesar was born on July 12, 100 BC, in Rome, Italy. He came from a wealthy and politically connected family, and he received a privileged education. Caesar was a gifted student and excelled in rhetoric and philosophy. He also studied law and military science.

Caesar began his political career in 68 BC, when he was elected to the office of quaestor, the lowest rank of magistrate in the Roman Republic. He served as quaestor in Spain and later in Gaul (modern-day France). In 60 BC, he was elected to the office of consul, the highest office in the Roman Republic. As consul, Caesar passed a number of popular laws, including a law that provided land for poor citizens and a law that reduced the power of the Senate.

### **Military Conquests**

Caesar is best known for his military conquests. In 58 BC, he was appointed governor of Gaul. He spent the next ten years conquering Gaul and adding it to the Roman Republic. Caesar's military campaigns were brilliant and he was undefeated in battle. He was also a skilled administrator and he established a stable and prosperous government in Gaul.

In 49 BC, Caesar crossed the Rubicon River with his army, thus starting a civil war against the Roman Senate. Caesar defeated his opponents in a series of battles and he eventually became the dictator of Rome. As dictator, Caesar instituted a number of reforms, including a new calendar and a new system of government.

#### Assassination

Caesar's rule was not without its critics. A group of senators, led by Marcus Junius Brutus and Gaius Cassius Longinus, conspired to assassinate him. On March 15, 44 BC, Caesar was stabbed to death in the Senate House. He was 56 years old.

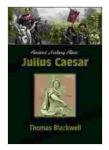
### Legacy

Julius Caesar was one of the most important and influential figures in world history. He played a key role in the decline of the Roman Republic and the rise of the Roman Empire. Caesar was a brilliant military commander, a skilled administrator, and a gifted politician. He was also a ruthless tyrant who subverted the Roman Republic and established a dictatorship.

Caesar's legacy is complex and controversial. He is remembered as a great leader who expanded the Roman Empire and brought peace and stability to the Mediterranean world. He is also remembered as a tyrant who subverted the Roman Republic and destroyed the traditional values of Roman society.

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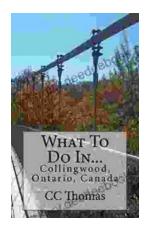
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