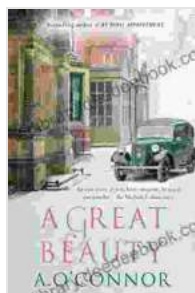


# The Great Beauty: The Enduring Story of Michael Collins

Michael Collins was a key figure in the Irish struggle for independence. Born in 1890, he joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) at a young age. He played a leading role in the 1916 Easter Rising and was later elected President of the Irish Republic. Collins was assassinated in 1922 during the Irish Civil War. He is considered one of the most important figures in Irish history.



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Collins was born in Clonakilty, County Cork, Ireland, on October 16, 1890. He was the son of a farmer and a schoolteacher. Collins was educated at a local national school and later attended University College Cork. He left university in 1910 to join the IRB.

The IRB was a secret society dedicated to the overthrow of British rule in Ireland. Collins quickly rose through the ranks of the IRB and became one

of its most active members. He was involved in planning the Easter Rising of 1916, which was an attempt to establish an independent Irish republic.

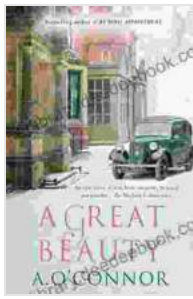
The Easter Rising was a failure, and Collins was arrested and imprisoned by the British. He was released in 1917 and went on to become one of the leaders of the Irish Republican Army (IRA). The IRA was a guerrilla army that fought for Irish independence. Collins led the IRA to a number of victories against the British, and in 1919 he was elected President of the Irish Republic.

Collins negotiated a treaty with the British in 1921 that gave Ireland dominion status. This treaty was controversial, and it led to the Irish Civil War. Collins was assassinated by anti-treaty IRA members in 1922. He was 31 years old.

Collins is considered one of the most important figures in Irish history. He was a brilliant military strategist and a charismatic leader. He is also remembered as a man of great integrity and courage.

There are many memorials to Michael Collins in Ireland. The most famous is the Collins Barracks in Dublin, which is named after him. There are also statues of Collins in Dublin, Cork, and other cities. Collins is also the subject of many books, films, and plays.

Michael Collins was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a man of great talent and ambition, but he was also flawed. He was a ruthless fighter, but he was also a man of compassion. He was a hero to many, but he was also a controversial figure. Despite his flaws, Collins is remembered as one of the most important figures in Irish history.



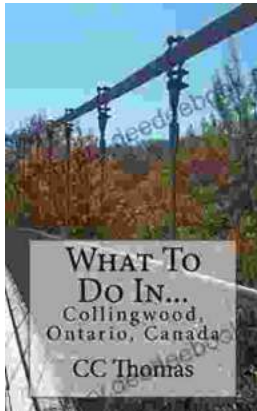
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