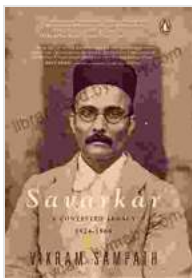


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This book explores the life and legacy of V.D. Savarkar. It examines his role in the Indian independence movement, his views on Hindutva, and his impact on Indian politics and society.

Early Life and Career

V.D. Savarkar was born in 1883 in the village of Bhagur, Maharashtra. He was the son of a well-to-do Brahmin family. Savarkar was a brilliant student and excelled in his studies. He was also a gifted orator and writer.

In 1906, Savarkar went to England to study law. While in England, he became involved in the Indian independence movement. He joined the India House, a meeting place for Indian nationalists in London. Savarkar also wrote a number of articles and pamphlets advocating for Indian independence.

Role in the Indian Independence Movement

Savarkar returned to India in 1910 and quickly became a leading figure in the Indian independence movement. He was a member of the Indian National Congress and served as its president in 1936-37.

Savarkar was a strong advocate for the use of violence to achieve Indian independence. He believed that the British were a foreign power that had no right to rule India. Savarkar was also a supporter of Hindu nationalism and believed that India should be a Hindu state.

Savarkar's views were controversial and he was often criticized by other Indian nationalists. However, he remained a popular figure among many Indians and was considered one of the most important leaders of the Indian independence movement.

Views on Hindutva

Savarkar was a strong advocate for Hindutva, a Hindu nationalist ideology. He believed that India was a Hindu nation and that Hindus were the only true Indians. Savarkar also believed that Muslims and Christians were foreigners who had no right to live in India.

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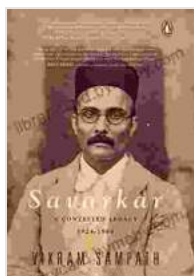
Impact on Indian Politics and Society

Savarkar's legacy is contested. Some praise him as a patriot and a fighter for Indian independence. Others condemn him as a bigot and a fascist.

There is no doubt that Savarkar was a complex and controversial figure. He was a brilliant intellectual and a gifted orator. He was also a ruthless politician and a supporter of violence. Savarkar's legacy will continue to be debated for years to come.

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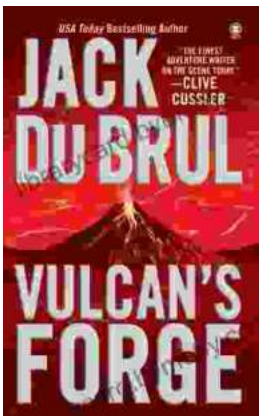
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